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Barcelona's lessons for Ground Zero on view in Manhattan. -- Perhaps Shanghai should take heed as well. -- Apathy and ignorance blamed for Indonesia losing its architectural heritage. -- Hip names for new generation of starter homes in the U.K., but are they really affordable? -- Ditto for pre-fab. -- Princeton picks Piano. -- A new museum in Alaska "captures a powerful sense of place." -- Superlatives unbound for Eisenman's Berlin memorial. -- Sinclair inspires students with real-world challenges. -- Reviews of Milan fair: "self indulgence and sensory pleasure"; Hadid offers up her fantasy kitchen; decorative embellishments and trends.

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[What Ground Zero Planners Could Learn From Barcelona: "Barcelona in Progress" ...is not simply a collection of luscious designs by big names...the \[Center for Architecture\] show demonstrates how to use architecture and planning to spur urban regeneration. By James S. Russell -- Gehry; Foreign Office Architects; Nouvel; EMBT;- Bloomberg News](#)

[Shanghai's Boom: A Building Frenzy: ...was China's first, and remains its most distinctive, experiment in modern urbanism, and conservationists say that much of what made it so special in the last century will soon fall victim to the wrecking ball. -- Wu Ziqfried Zhiqiang; Xian Dai Architectural Design Group; Chen Guang- New York Times](#)

[Colonial Buildings of Indonesian Plantation Town \[Medan\] Left to Crumble: Art deco homes, Chinese shopfronts, Moorish-inspired landmarks and Malay stilt-houses...slowly crumbling and activists blame apathy and ignorance. \(Agence-France Presse\) -- Sumatra Heritage Trust; Indonesian Association of Architects- Artinfo](#)

[With names such as iPad and i-Life, the next generation of starter homes aims to be cutting edge as well as compact. But will it solve the problem of affordable housing? \[images, links\]- Expat Telegraph \(UK\)](#)

[Prefab Sprouts! Reimagining the prefabricated house -- Marmol Radziner; Resolution:4 Architecture; Lazor Office; Michelle Kaufmann/MKD; Ray Kappe- LA City Beat](#)

[Renzo Piano selected to design University Place/Alexander Street neighborhood -- Beyer Blinder Belle- News@Princeton](#)

[A whale of a building: A Minnesota architect's design for the University of Alaska Museum of the North captures a powerful sense of place. By Linda Mack -- Joan Soranno/John Cook/HGA; GDM \[images\]- Minneapolis Star Tribune](#)

[Believe me, this is one of the greatest artworks of our time: Rupert Christiansen is overwhelmed by Peter Eisenman's Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe in Berlin \[slide show\]- Telegraph \(UK\)](#)

[Global architect touches down at the University of Minnesota: Pragmatic to his core, 33-year-old visiting scholar Cameron Sinclair has drawn thousands of designers to help solve the world's most vexing problems. By Linda Mack -- Architecture for Humanity- Minneapolis Star Tribune](#)

[Louche Life: Set against the backdrop of Italy's political travails, the Milan furniture fair displayed seductive offerings from another realm. \[slide show\]- New York Times](#)

[A Designer's First Step: Pretend You Cook: Zaha Hadid says she does not cook much, but she has considered what her fantasy kitchen would look like...called the Z. Island. \[image\]- New York Times](#)

[Surprise! Milan gets pretty: A shift to decorative embellishment is obvious at the world's premier furniture show. Don't tell the designers...Do not ask a furniture designer to talk about "trends." To an already tortured creative mind, this is the ultimate insult... \[images\]- Los Angeles Times](#)

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