

Today's News - Tuesday, July 24, 2007

Sydney's Lord Mayor offers her vision for the city's cultural future. – Heathcote has high hopes that Chipperfield will finally make his mark in London. – Mexico City to get Latin America's tallest tower by Koolhaas. – Arquitectonica's towering plans for Abu Dhabi. – Kamin sings high praise for Chicago's newest, tallest (for now), and greenest tower. – Dyckhoff finds St Pancras station restoration "breathtaking." – Sad news re: the station's adjoining Midland Grand Hotel. – What's cool, what's questionable about 5 proposals for MSU's new museum. – The Millennium Dome sports Miami Art Deco flavor for its "feel-good playground." – First step complete in Banff Centre revamp. – 2007 English Heritage Buildings at Risk Register released. – How do you build a subway in soggy Amsterdam? Very carefully. – Q&A with Prince-Ramus: Do you feel yourself becoming more REX and less Rem? – San Diego design award winners take being green to heart. – Winners announced in first Zumtobel Group Award for Sustainability and Humanity in the Built Environment. – "Some Assembly Required" lands in Virginia.

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[Op-Ed: Neither Soho nor SoHo but all our own: By 2030, we want Sydney to be internationally known as a city of culture and the arts, a city where artists can live and work.](#) By Clover Moore, Lord Mayor of Sydney- Sydney Morning Herald

[Architect plans fresh fish for City: David Chipperfield...who has yet to build a substantial structure in the capital, may at last be realising an important building on a prominent Thames-side site...a 10-storey office block folded within a diaphanous veil of glass.](#) By Edwin Heathcote- Financial Times (UK)

[Latin America's new tallest tower to be built in Mexico City: ...300-metre-tall Torre Bicentenario \(Bicentennial Tower\) will open in 2010 with an investment of \\$600 million...64 floors and six underground car parks with space for 2,500 vehicles.](#) – Rem Koolhaas- Earthtimes.org

[Arquitectonica Designs Symbolic Gateway Tower to Reem Island, Abu Dhabi: Tower among tallest in the country: going for LEED Certification-](#) PR Newswire

[340 on the Park a welcome breath of fresh design: Chicago's first green residential high-rise and, for now at least, its tallest all-residential building. But those superlatives would be meaningless if this tower...did not make such a robust contribution to the skyline.](#) By Blair Kamin – Martin Wolf/Solomon Cordwell Buenz- Chicago Tribune

[St Pancras regains the Gothic glamour: The transformation of St Pancras is almost complete — and the results are astonishing...The station's restoration...is breathtaking...In one fell swoop British rail travel zooms from grim to glorious...](#) By Tom Dyckhoff – William Barlow; George Gilbert Scott (1860s); Alistair Lansley- The Times (UK)

[Fire At 'Harry Potter' Hotel: ...just months before a £100 million refurbishment was due to be completed...at the Midland Grand Hotel above St Pancras station.](#) – George Gilbert Scott (1860s); Richard Griffiths Architects/RHWL- Life Style Extra (UK)

[5 compete to design Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum: The inspiration, The vision, What's cool, What's questionable – Coop Himmelb\(l\)au; Kohn Pedersen Fox \(KPF\); Zaha Hadid; Randall Stout; Morphosis \[images\]-](#) The State News (Michigan State University)

[Oh, to be in Miami!: The new sports and entertainment complex \[O2\] inside the former Millennium Dome looks to Florida's sun-baked art deco for a feel-good playground all under one roof --](#) RTKL; HOK Sport; Carey Jones Interiors [images]- Building (UK)

[Diamond + Schmitt opens first building in Banff Centre revamp: ...the first phase of an ambitious revitalization of the site, home to an arts, cultural, and educational institution and conference facility.-](#) CBC (Canada)

[£65 million needed to save top buildings at risk says English Heritage Buildings at Risk Register \(BAR\) for 2007...outlining a string of...structures which face dereliction without huge investments...total subsidy needed to repair buildings on the Register is in the order of £400 million. \[images, link\]-](#) 24 Hour Museum (UK)

[Look out below! Shaky, soggy Amsterdam is getting a subway: ...presenting Dutch engineers, famed for their ingenuity in keeping this waterlogged nation dry, with devilish challenges.-](#) CBC (Canada)

[Q&A: Architect Joshua Prince-Ramus: Do you feel yourself becoming more REX and less Rem?-](#) Washington Post Express

['We hear you': Architecture awards answer 'lack of green design' criticism: This year's awards...was a clear sign...San Diego designers are pursuing a strong agenda on the environmental front...in marked contrast to the previous year's awards. –](#) Blue Motif; Luce et Studio; Rob Wellington Quigley; Jonathan Segal; Gluckman Mayner; Safdie Rabines; Estudio Santander; LPA; etc. [images]- San Diego Union-Tribune

[First Zumtobel Group Award for Sustainability and Humanity in the Built Environment goes to... –](#) Mayne/Morphosis; Schlaich Bergemann Solar- Zumtobel Group

[Some Assembly Required: A new exhibit at the Virginia Center for Architecture may change some people's minds regarding prefabricated housing. -- Rocio Romero; Resolution: 4 Architecture: Michelle Kaufmann- Richmond.com \(Virginia\)](#)



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