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An in-depth look at Abu Dhabi's cultural strategies and the backlash against Saadiyat Island "has startled even the skeptics." – Q&A with Krens re: his Abu Dhabi adventure. – Hadid to bring her "style and finesse" to Melbourne's Docklands (but not all are pleased). – Shortlist for museum in Perm, Russia includes the usual suspects and a "lively selection of Russian architects" (but do they stand a chance?). – FOA's design for museum in Cleveland under wraps until feasibility study figures out how much money needs to be raised. – Foster wins world's first space terminal in New Mexico. – But will Spaceport America threaten an already endangered historic place? – Warnings re: tall buildings: where is disaster planning and preparedness information? – Some smaller residential buildings that matter architecturally deserve more attention. – Architecture for Humanity steps up to the plate in Biloxi. – It's "Habitat For Hypocrisy" re: affordable housing in Marin County. – Melbourne's Council House 2 "sets radical new standards for sustainability." – Alsop's "Cloud" headed to Toronto? (tune in next week.) – A Boston architect "interested in public space, not public notice." – Houston grants protection to historic neighborhood. – Is the environmental movement losing touch with its feminine side? – A Philippine resort resorts to green. – Dublin Docklands to get a Gormley (if they can find folks who can build it).

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[Buying Culture: By luring Western institutions like the Louvre and Yale, Abu Dhabi aims to become a global arts center...But the speed and ferocity of the backlash against Saadiyat Island has startled even the skeptics. -- Gensler, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\); Gehry; Hadid; Nouvel; Ando-](#) Newsweek International

["I'm Not a Service Company": In its bid to become a cultural center of the Arab world, Abu Dhabi had a lot riding on the judgment of director Thomas Krens. -- Gensler, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\); Gehry; Hadid-](#) Newsweek International

[Visionary architect set to transform Melbourne's Docklands: ...will be Australia's greenest and most expensive office and housing complex. -- Zaha Hadid; Ashton Raggatt McDougall-](#) The Age (Australia)

[Avant Garde Shortlist Unveiled for New Russian Museum in Perm: Among the 25 names on the shortlist are Asymptote, Coop Himmelb\(l\)au, Eric Owen Moss, Hans Hollein, Odile Decq, and Zaha Hadid...A lively selection of Russian architects made the first-round cut including Alexander Brodsky, Vladimir Plotkin, and Boris Bemasconi...](#)- Architectural Record

[Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland architectural design ready, but still under wraps: ...wants to complete a two-month feasibility study on how much money it can raise for construction before unveiling the project... By Steven Litt -- Farshid Moussavi/Foreign Office Architects \(FOA\)-](#) Cleveland Plain Dealer

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[Space Invaders: Branson's Astro-Tourism Means Big Changes for an Ancient New Mexico Road...Virgin Galactic is planning to build a \\$225 million Spaceport on a lonely site in the middle of nowhere...But is it the middle of nowhere? El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro...one of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places.-](#) Preservation magazine

[U.S. Tall Buildings on Terrorist Hit List: Examining the Implications and Short-Term Strategies...What's missing from these terrorist-attack warnings is disaster planning and preparedness information... By Barbara A. Nadel, FAIA-](#) Buildings.com

[Design for the middle ground: The small residential building...is an important tool in the patching and repair of old cities, but it rarely gets the notice it deserves...Toronto's residential real estate boom has been spawning a number of mid-sized condominium buildings that matter architecturally. By John Bentley Mays -- Quadrangle Architects; Brisbin Brook Beynon; George Popper-](#) Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Design Steps Up in Disaster's Wake: A nonprofit group brings pro bono architects to those stranded without a home...a highly unusual form of client empowerment in this kind of housing competition. -- Architecture for Humanity; Brett Zamore; Marlon Blackwell; MC2-](#) New York Times

[NIMBY Notebook: Habitat For Hypocrisy: Housing advocates say Marin County's Bill Duane exemplifies a vexing irony: People support affordable housing with their labor, money, and votes—just so long as it's nowhere near them.-](#) Mother Jones

[Better than nature? Turning sewerage from the city into potable water and mimicking the 'stack effect' of termite mounds, this council office in Melbourne sets radical new standards for sustainability ...Council House 2 \(CH2\), uses 87% less energy and produces 20% of the greenhouse gases emitted by the old Council House 1.-](#) CIOB (Chartered Institute of Building)

[Alsop to Toronto: Hey, you, get into my cloud: Superstar British architect to unveil new project next week..."I like it here and I plan to plague Toronto with my buildings for as long as possible."-](#) Globe and Mail (Canada)

[The people's architect: Peter Kuttner is interested in public space, not public notice -- Cambridge Seven Associates-](#) Boston Globe

[Houston grants protection for the Old 6th Ward: ...shielding more than 200 buildings from demolition. Construction and restoration in the district now will be guided by design regulations — some mandatory, some suggested.](#) - Houston Chronicle

[Women Are From Earth, Men Are From Terra Firma: Is the environmental movement losing touch with its feminine side? By Kira Gould and Lance Hosey](#)- Grist Magazine

[A joy to the environment: Plantation Bay Resort and Spa...responsibly uses environment-friendly methods in its overall site development, interiors and exteriors, and extends this to using best practices in its everyday operations. By Arch't. Karl A.E.F. Cabilao, UAP -- Lourdes "Joy" Martinez Onozawa](#)- SunStar (Philippines)

[Antony Gormley to design public art work for Dublin Docklands: ...Engaging hereto unused construction techniques, it is hoped to be able to build a sizable structure, up to 48 metres high... -- Arup](#)- Archiseek (Ireland)



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