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An insider's look at two new mixed-use developments in China. – On time and within budget (with a few details lost to value engineering, Beijing airport ready for its close-up. – A blueprint to protect Liverpool's waterfront heritage will be "a case study to analyze UNESCO's approach to the way historic urban landscapes are preserved." – Sustainable development in Mexico gathers steam (but still has a way to go). – A series offers different takes on the upsides and downsides of New Haven's downtown revival. – Cues from Jane Jacobs could help current affordable housing woes (but too often federal rules make "imagination difficult"). – Big changes in Harlem, but Gardner finds "most of it is woefully undistinguished." – Cities that don't getting serious about public transit are "on the slow road to nowhere," says Hume. – Cleveland's transit state of mind is "an example worth following," says Litt. – Goldhagen has a very interesting take on Stern's Bush Library win. – Russell finds Philadelphia Museum's Perelman expansion "pleasingly informal," but it "could have been bolder." – A 1980 Gehry channeled via Jerde: plans approved for Santa Monica mall makeover. – An eyeful of recent religious institutions. – McDonald's Canada taking a cue from Starbucks style. – Sidewalks and asphalt finally disappearing from German town (along with road rules and signs). – At 96, Shulman is still shooting.

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[A Tale of Two Cities: Mixed-use Development in China: New building types and approaches to development leverage the best of international and local talents and practices.](#) By Tim Magill and David Moreno -- 5+DESIGN [images]- ArchNewsNow

[China lifts the lid on Foster's new airport: Beijing terminal to open on time and within budget...comparisons with Heathrow's Terminal 5 will be inevitable and not entirely flattering to London.](#) -- Foster + Partners; Richard Rogers [slide show]- Guardian (UK)

[Liverpool ordered to safeguard waterfront: A blueprint to protect Liverpool's World Heritage Site is to be drawn up on the orders of Unesco...a case study to analyse Unesco's approach to the way historic urban landscapes are preserved.](#)- Liverpool Daily Post (UK)

[Sustainability Heads South of the Border: Mexican businesses are realizing that sustainable development is worth the investment. But the government has yet to define standards for determining efficiency...let alone offer incentives to developers who go green.](#) -- MexicoGBC; KMD Architects; TEN Arquitectos [slide show]- Architectural Record

[College Town: The expanding universe of Yale University; The class crisis in New Haven; The Gateway gamble and what it means for downtown; Whose Downtown Is it? \[links\]](#)- New Haven Advocate (Connecticut)

[Linking a City Housing Authority's Money Woes and a Jane Jacobs Complaint: In retrospect, it is understandable that public housing got so big, so cut off, and so bereft of commerce, given the misguided postwar architectural concepts Jacobs criticized so harshly...](#)- New York Sun

[Eclectic 116th Street: ...big changes are coming to this street...mostly in the form of condominium developments...Kalahari and Graceline Court reminds us that, despite the volume of architecture going up in Harlem, most of it is woefully undistinguished...](#) By James Gardner -- Frederic Schwartz Architects; Feder & Stia- New York Sun

[London towers over Toronto in transit thinking: ...the relationship between urban dynamism and transit is more fundamental than ever in an age of global warming. Cities that can't move citizens from A to B quickly and efficiently are on the slow road to nowhere.](#) By Christopher Hume- Toronto Star

[New RTA stations could jumpstart University Circle transformation: ...have the potential to be outstanding...give the agency credit for aiming high at the very start. That's an example worth following across the region.](#) By Steven Litt -- Studio Techne; URS; Mehrdad Yazdani- Cleveland Plain Dealer

[Legacy-Builder: Bush's Architect is a Perfect Match for His Presidency...has aptly--brilliantly, one might even say--chosen Robert A.M. Stern... by Sarah Williams Goldhagen](#)- The New Republic

[Philadelphia Museum's \\$90 Million Sunny Wing Is Elegant, Timid: In contrast to the overproduced architectural acrobatics of so many recent museums, Gluckman's work is pleasingly informal.](#) By James S. Russell -- Gluckman Maynor Architects- Bloomberg News

[Council Approves Mall Remodel: Santa Monica Place...proposal is central to the vitality of Downtown, is well-integrated with the existing urban fabric and increases available open space and pedestrian walkways... -- Frank Gehry \(1980\); The Jerde Partnership](#)- The Lookout News (Santa Monica, CA)

[McDonald's outlets getting comfy look: Stores receive facelift with leather sofas, fireplaces offering a modern design reminiscent of Starbucks -- Karen Skobel/deSignum Interior Planning](#)- Toronto Star

[2007 Notable Projects: Religious Institutions -- Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\); Predock Frane Architects; Rick Joy Architects; Trahan Architects; Pascal Arquitectos; Office Feuerman; HGA; Rogers Marvel Architects \[images\]](#)- Architype

[German Town Scraps Road Signs to Increase Safety. Bohmte is abolishing all its road signs and traffic regulations...Sidewalks will disappear, as will the asphalt, replaced by cobblestones. Cycle lanes and sidewalks will be distinguished from the road only by color.- Der Spiegel \(Germany\)](#)

[Parallel Universe: Present at the Creation: Julius Shulman Still Photographing Architecture at Age 96 \[images, links\]- HuntingtonNews.Net \(West Virginia\)](#)



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