
ArcSpace brings us Viñoly in Uruguay, and Lux 11 hotel in Berlin. — Rogers calls for public spaces to be taken seriously. — Boddy berates Vancouver’s condo boom for pushing out the city’s creative class. — Big plans to build a “Little China” in Germany raises some hackles. — New report says revamping old homes is greener than building efficient new ones. — London’s 5 Cheapside sets fans of futuristic lines against traditionalists; and a radical arts center for South Bank. — Bayley’s says 5 Cheapside is a test case for the future of all cities (he’s for it). — Scotland’s new education design tsar says many new schools are sick in more ways than one. — ODA picks Olympic Park design team. — Chandler has high hopes for Denver’s Clyfford Still museum. — King says UC Berkeley’s Asian Library “sends a message...Strive to do something of real worth. Don’t just go through the motions and cash the client’s checks.” — Campbell gives thumbs-up to the transformation of a “rotting carcass of an abandoned MBTA substation” into a small gem of a TV studio. — Seattle’s battle for its Googie diner continues. — A tête-à-tête between Jürgen Mayer and Terence Riley. — Big bucks to boost Harvard GSD program to halt the profession’s brain-drain. — 8th Structures for Inclusion (SFI) conference coming up. — U.K.’s Next Generation award winners (maybe they’ll get to actually build there one of these days). — We couldn’t resist: two raucous takes on Foster’s big adventure at MIPIM (Russians included).

Op-Ed: Our right to see the trees: Parks and squares aren’t a luxury, but an essential feature of the urban infrastructure. By Richard Rogers/Rogers Stirk Harbour and Partners - Guardian (UK)

Condo boom pushing out city’s creatives: Our cultural class is scrambling for space and making do — as our creators always do — but a downtown without the studios and residences of artists is a dismal prospect...By Trevor Boddy - Globe and Mail (Canada)

Planned Chinatown Raises Hackles in Rural Germany: A Chinese businessman...is learning about German bureaucracy the hard way...hope to transform the old airport into a Little China...According to their plans, within a few years 2,000 Chinese will be living and working...— Stefan Kunigam - Der Spiegel (Germany)

Home is where the heat is: why old can be good as new: Revamping old homes is greener than building efficient new ones Empty Homes Agency charity says [in] "New Tricks With Old Bricks" report - Guardian (UK)

The glass neighbour that poses a challenge to St Paul’s: Controversy surrounds [5 Cheapside] new modernist vision for a landmark site...has set fans of clean, futuristic lines against traditionalists who demand a return to classical proportions...a second revolutionary proposal aims to alter the face of London...The Hill is a radical £150m arts centre planned for the South Bank...— John McAslan; Kathryn Findlay - Observer (UK)

Scottish schools are ‘sick’ says education design tsar:...caused by bad design and “miserable” and “short-term” briefs from authorities seeking to cut costs...hopes to break up local authorities’ “monolithic” planning departments whose briefs are based on “policy and cash” — Paul Stallan/RMJM - Sunday Herald (Scotland)

Olympic Park design team revealed: Hargreaves Associates [and] LDA Design will also work with three up-and-coming London-based firms: BBUK, Kinnear Landscape Architects and Sarah Price Landscapes. - The Architects’ Journal (UK)

Clifford Still museum must stand for quality: Interior, exterior should allow artist’s work to speak. By Mary Voeltz Chandler – Brad Cloepfil/Allied Works Architecture - Rocky Mountain News (Denver)

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The Architecture of Jürgen Mayer H: The Berlin-based architect claims he’s pushing his discipline “beyond the blob.” He talks to Miami Art Museum head, Terence Riley - BusinessWeek

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Plasma scoops Next Generation Architects Award: East London-based practice...won BD’s Young Architect of the Year in 2002, but has yet to complete a new-build project in the UK - BD/Building Design (UK)

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Norman Foster: from Russia with love: The UK’s relationship with Russia may be frosty but Lord Foster is guaranteed a warm welcome at Mipim’s equivalent of the Kremlin - Building (UK)

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