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Curating the Immovable: Can you add a building to a collection? How do you turn the built environment into a museum exhibit? As chief curator of architecture and design at New York’s Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), Martino Stierli is no stranger to these issues...Q&A re: the possibility of museums acquiring architecture and the measures that cultural institutions can take to interact with the discipline. By Alexandra Lange - Disegno

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Architects want Urewera visitor centre saved: 40-year-old centre earmarked for demolition in Te Urewera National Park...New Zealand Institute of Architects is appealing for a reprieve...designed by John Scott, a pioneer Māori architect whose work is increasingly recognised...“It is always disappointing when government agencies fail to protect the national legacy, but it is unforgivable when they actively promote its destruction.”- TV3 (New Zealand)

The top 10 Toronto buildings from the 1970s: Our modern skyline was born during...this 10 year flurry of architectural activity. We might not love concrete like we once did, but the best of these structures have stood the test of time. -- York & Sawyer/Page + Steele Architects/M. Pei & Partners; Clifford and Lawrie Architects; Mathers & Haldenby Architects; Bregman + Hamann Architects; WZMH Architects/John Andrews/Webb Zerafa, Menkes Housden; Eberhard Zeidler; Raymond Moriyama; Artur Erickson; Edward l. Richmond [images] - blogTO (Toronto)

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