Preface

The great 20th century architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe once declared, “Architecture is the will of an epoch translated into space.” At the end of 2010, we found ourselves in a dynamic and tumultuous age, laden with risk as well as promise. Emerging from the wake of a massive global recession, the projects in the pages ahead offer perspective into the needs, conditions and aspirations of a rapidly changing world.

Filtered through the lens of a snapshot in time, this collection of work creates a window into the vision and goals of clients we serve. It highlights challenges, while tracing the pulse of creative thinking, emerging technologies and understanding of place. The work also underscores common values and priorities, particularly with regard to sustainable design and environmental stewardship. Finally, harbored in this body of work is the fabric to a better understanding of what the future could be.

The projects and places illustrated represent the diversity that underpins our work. HOK celebrates its global reach, its variety of building types, its broad range of professional services and its culture of unique individuals working together. From a robust interchange of ideas among teams, great projects emerge: projects that answer profound functional and technical needs while, at the same time, creating lively, exciting and memorable places.

From the transformation of a disused storage space into the new home for one of the most important collections of Chinese ceramics in the world, to the birth of a new campus for science and technology on the coast of the Red Sea, the projects celebrated in this annual traverse scale, scope and size.

Each recent project is the summation of a team of dedicated and inspired people who believe that they can change the world. It is being done one step at a time, in individual buildings, in vast master plans, in transformational workplace designs and through landscape architecture. All of this work strives to change the world and make it a better place.

This collection of work provides a view into a terrain of design thinking, the synthesis of art and science, creativity and technical skill, as we translate hope and aspiration into place and form.
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5 Churchill Place is a 15-story office tower in London’s Docklands. Completed within an extremely tight schedule, the building rises as a sinuous extrusion from a complex, asymmetrical plot.

The elevations respect the context of Canary Wharf in their use of granite, stainless steel and glass. The curvilinear shape maximizes the site area and introduces variety into Canary Wharf’s orthogonal grid.

The developer permitted HOK to push the elevations of the building out to the perimeter of the site to maximize the size of the floor plates, which include six specialist trading floors. The offset core helps create a contemporary, versatile workplace for trading or dealing activities as well as typical office functions. The lower levels have an additional elevator bank to ensure convenient access to trading levels. Elevations vary according to their solar orientation, helping achieve a BREEAM Excellent rating that, along with its adaptable floor areas, ensures the long-term sustainability of the bold yet refined structure.

5 Churchill Place
London, England

98,260 sq. ft. / 37,000 sq. m.
Completion: 2009
▲  View along Churchill Place
▲ Facade detail
▲ Lobby
▲ Plaza
▲ Section
▲ Swept elevation
▲ Levels 1 - 7 floor plan
▲ Levels 8 - 13 floor plan
The Abaad Tower is a speculative office building designed for a site on Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai’s major highway. On a road lined with corporate and institutional towers, the Abaad Tower establishes its identity through subtlety and depth.

Simple and elegant, the Abaad Tower’s silhouette, fabric, and details fuse to create an image that quietly asserts its refinement.

Aluminum and fritted glass are the major materials. These materials are used in a variety of combinations and applications, as a prefabricated aluminum engineered wall system, aluminum facade louvre system, channel glass facade system and the curtain wall. These exterior facade elements are detailed to suggest the complexities of different weaves patterns, coming from the same loom.

The building has flexible floorplates, cost-effective construction and a strong identity coupled with amenities that appeal to corporate tenants.
1. Aluminum glass screen
2. Double glazed curtain wall with ceramic frit
3. Vertical aluminum mullion cap
4. Prefinished aluminum facade system
5. Double glazed with horizontal ceramic frit
6. Spandrel glass panel
7. Profilit channel glass facade system
8. Aluminum facade louver system
9. Prefinished aluminum facade system
10. Sealed double glazing in aluminum frame
11. Prefinished aluminum column cover

▲ Channel glass study

▲ Sky terrace section

▲ Material diagram

ABAAD TOWER
A new headquarters for Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) will be a symbol of its corporate role and position as one of the most influential and dynamic petroleum companies in the world. The project is intended to be a landmark feature of the landscape. The new headquarters complex will be the physical embodiment of ADNOC’s importance in the rapid development of the United Arab Emirates as one of the most forward-thinking, influential countries in the Middle East and the world.

The site is one of the most prominent sites in the urbanized area of Abu Dhabi. Its location on the Corniche at Bainuna Street provides maximum visibility for the headquarters complex. The proximity to the Emirates Palace Hotel complex adds to the exclusivity of the project site, and the new ADNOC’s headquarters will be the primary view seen by VIPs and patrons at the Emirate Palace Complex.

The design maximizes views of the water and the corniche while utilizing the site location through careful massing of the headquarters tower and sensitive design of the surrounding entry courts, plazas and landscape. The new headquarters will accommodate ADNOC’s present requirements and embrace a strategy for future expansion of operations.

Three ideas of looking to the future incorporate sustainable design principles into the scheme. The site plan is generated by the north-south orientation of the tower. The ground level footprint is minimized, leaving ample space for landscape. A rectilinear podium building extends from the base of the tower, while an undulating auditorium housing the Corniche Club sits adjacent to the tower as a contrasting sculptural element.

A three-level rectangular podium structure extends to the south of the tower structure. The ground floor of the podium contains employee service retail space, the service loading area and a heritage museum, as well as the main lobby and circulating space for the complex. The Crisis Management Center occupies the two upper levels and has access from the main lobby as well as its own internal circulation between the two floors. A new transit station will be located on the east side of the development along 18th Street. The roof of the rectangular podium extends and continues across the access road to envelope and connect a new mosque structure to the development.

The sculptural forms of the building are made up of layered walls that surround the main volumes and are intended to provide a strong contrast to the tower and podium structure. The layers of walls respond to solar orientation by their use of materials. The south layers are solid walls clad in stone, while the north walls are primarily glazed, allowing for light and views.

Abu Dhabi National Oil Company Headquarters
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

5,687,00 sq. ft. / 537,300 sq. m.
Completion: 2013 (anticipated)
ABU DHABI NATIONAL OIL COMPANY HEADQUARTERS
Construction of this intermodal transit hub, located on a prominent 16-acre site owned by the OCTA and the City of Anaheim, is an important first step in transforming Anaheim and Orange County from a drivable suburb to a walkable, urban development model. It will serve as a connectivity gateway and mixed-use destination for Orange County and Southern California.

The design will accommodate passenger arrivals, departures and transfers, supporting retail, restaurant and passenger services within the building. The design makes an iconic architectural statement that will stand as a landmark on the skyline and a gateway to the region. The open feeling of this world-class transportation facility anticipates future expansion of transportation services and adjacent commercial development.

This intermodal transit hub will link commuter and regional rail service throughout Orange County and beyond, as well as intercity bus and local transit. Future phases will expand the facility to accommodate high-speed rail service to destinations such as San Francisco and Sacramento and serve as the terminus for the super-speed train between Las Vegas and Southern California.

This is a multi-year, multi-phase project. Each phase will coincide with new and expanded transportation services and development. The first phase will construct site work, the transportation center and supporting facilities, rail tracks and platforms, parking, public and street improvements. The sustainable design measures required to achieve LEED Platinum certification will advance the City of Anaheim towards national and regional leadership and provide a model for the City of Anaheim.

Based on the heritage and civic importance of the grand 19th-century rail stations, with the size, scale, and complexity of today’s modern airport terminals, ARTIC, with its iconic Intermodal Terminal, is on par with other world-class transportation hubs. The Intermodal Terminal not only presents a dramatic, signature identity but also serves as a central focal point with clear, navigable thoroughfares resulting in easy connections between all transportation modes: rail, bus, car, bike, and pedestrian pathways. The design of the Intermodal Terminal expresses its building materials and structure while concurrently conveying lightness and transparency. The long-span, vaulting grid shell eliminates the need for supporting columns, allowing for maximum planning flexibility.

Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center
Anaheim, California, USA

66,000 sq. ft. / 6,131 sq. m.
Completion: 2014 (anticipated)
ANAHEIM REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION INTERMODAL CENTER

- Shell and curtain walls
- Second and concourse floors
- First floor
- Bus station
- Amtrak and Metrolink trains
- Future high-speed rail

▲ east elevation
▲ north elevation
▲ section
▲ section
▲ study model
▲ stacking diagram
▲ Phase one

◄ Plaza and bus transit center

▲ Pedestrian promenade

► Final master plan

ANAHEIM REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION INTERMODAL CENTER
The design of Autodesk at One Market Street honors the landmark building by highlighting the loft ceilings, original columns, two-story windows and the inherently raw, industrial feel of the space. Exposing ceilings, vertical piping and using weathered elements as design elements, the team chose to enhance the building's natural features while reusing and repurposing elements.

The design abandons the cubicle, encouraging collaboration and creativity. The orientation of the planning reflects the choice to pursue the greatest amount of natural lighting. Loft-like space receives an abundance of natural light from the large, arched windows running along the perimeter. Furniture systems do not obstruct views to the outside for employees seated at their workstations. To connect the space to its region and add specificity to the design, a three-inch slab of fallen redwood, a tree native to Northern California, is used as the community table in the office cafe. Cork accent wall, locally produced ceramic tile and pendant light fixtures of concrete texture and color contrast to the loft-like feel of the space.

The customer briefing center is a high-tech experience with minimalist design elements that highlight the interactive nature of the space. Suspended translucent fabric boxes, exposed steel and polished concrete round out the general palette surrounding the gallery and meeting spaces. Along with white, flowing fabric reminiscent of San Francisco fog, these elements allow the space to be used in conjunction with projectors. Other briefing center spaces include a usability lab and classroom spaces.
Level 2 Floor plan:
1. Elevator Lobby
2. Lounge/Reception
3. Gallery
4. Office
5. Conference

Area's:
- Elevator Lobby
- Lounge / Reception
- Gallery
- Office
- Conference Hall

Conference Hall

Gallery
Boardroom
This project creates two slender vertical towers, one for office use and one for hotel use, linked through vertical gardens and functional spaces. The towers are connected by a series of small-scaled neighborhood parks throughout. Vertical parks are conceived as vertical "hutongs" - Beijing's traditional neighborhoods - using the small courtyards that have historically comprised the fabric of Beijing. The resulting green spaces replace the area of the site taken by the tower footprint.

The tower includes three slender zones: an enclosed park, office building and hotel. Structurally, the two towers are co-dependent and achieve their slenderness by using side-loaded cores that allow for large open floor plates for the office function to the north and the hotel functions to the south.

Located in the heart of Beijing near the 3rd Ring Road, the tower is envisioned to be an example of sustainable development with the goal of achieving LEED Platinum certification.

This structural design is a hybrid of steel and concrete construction. The primary side-loaded cores are made up of concrete, steel braced frames around the atria for structural stiffness, concrete flat slab floor plates for the hotel and composite steel floor plates for the office function.

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Competition: 2010

Beijing Central Business District, Block Z8
Beijing, China

5,800,000 sq. ft. / 540,200 sq. m.
BEIJING CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, BLOCK Z8

▼ ground level floor plan
1. office lobby
2. hotel lobby
3. amenity shared space
4. office drop-off
5. hotel drop-off

▼ typical upper level floor plan
1. office
2. meeting
3. hotel
4. lift lobby

▲ west elevation
▲ south elevation
▲ massing diagram
As part of a bid to become one of the top 10 world economies, Saudi Arabia is redirecting its wealth toward economic diversification and the provision of sustainable employment and housing for its populace. A key element in this strategy, the King Abdullah Financial District (KAFD) provides a new economic platform for Saudi Arabia in the heart of the capital city. This new development will include nearly 51 million square feet of commercial, residential and mixed-use space.

The focal point of the KAFD is the financial plaza, which contains the five tallest towers in the scheme. Standing tallest in the Kingdom, the Capital Market Authority (CMA) tower soars 1,260 feet above the surrounding cityscape and provides an anchor for the entire district. CMA will occupy 300,000 square feet of space in the top floors of the tower, which provides 76 stories of office space.

The podium structure at the base of the tower integrates public circulation via the district's sky bridge system with private amenity spaces, including dining facilities and a two-story, state-of-the-art auditorium.

Transparency is the predominant architectural statement of the enclosure. This creates internal openness and access to daylight, so sought after in today's corporate workplace. With transparency comes the need to moderate the intense Saudi Arabian light and heat with a high-performance solar control system. An external layer of fins, gantries and perforated panels provides shade, amplifying the thermal efficiency of the triple-pane, unitized glazing. Together, these shading devices minimize solar gain and internal cooling loads, thereby reducing HVAC requirements. Electrical energy will be reclaimed through the photovoltaic array installation on the tower’s roof.

Internal heat gains are further reduced by eliminating copper wire-based distribution systems for data and security. The design uses the latest technologies of wireless communication, air blown fiber optics and converged networks. This intelligent infrastructure will manage access, data and video networks to reduce costs, centralize management and boost productivity. Redundant capacity is built into all systems to accommodate future expansion and upgraded technology.

The design solution is a blend of conventional, well-understood technologies and elements combined in a unique manner. International best practices and cutting-edge technologies merge with a knowledge derived from local expertise about construction in a harsh natural environment.

1,980,000 sq. ft. / 184,000 sq. m.
Completion: 2012 (anticipated)
▲ south elevation
▲ section
▲ podium dining
▲ podium atrium
▲ tower sun shading detail
▲ tower curtain wall detail
Tower and podium
CAPITAL MARKET AUTHORITY TOWER
The Cedar Valley campus is distinguished by its rural setting of rolling grassland, streams, forest and a central lake around which the academic core is clustered.

The aspiration for this facility was to bring together diverse portions of the campus, while demonstrating a commitment to sustainable design and acting as a gateway to the existing campus core. The program for the Science/Allied Health and Veterinary Technology Center identified science laboratories, lecture halls, health care training facilities and spaces necessary to support a comprehensive Veterinary Technology training. It also included a major Outdoor Education Center (OEC) to support archaeology, geology and environmental science programs. Three standard lab modules of increasing size with flexible interior layouts were designed to support the facility's mission in several scientific disciplines. These standard spaces are separated by modular storage, equipment support or preparation space dedicated to each adjacent laboratory.

The sweeping length of the floor plan connects existing veterinary support buildings at one end with links to the campus core at the other. The design draws students from a common parking area to the central entry atrium, midway along the arc, while bringing students from the campus core through the OEC. Interior space features displays of the science taking place in each department.

Student lounges benefit from the natural light and views provided in lofty connective circulation and gathering spaces. The design segregates and consolidates Veterinary Technology functions on the ground floor at the end of the building nearest existing workshop areas and pastures. Science and Allied Health labs, with their individual display areas, frame the campus pedestrian street that defines the building's general circulation. The design enables student investigation of the science taking place in each department.

The exterior materials recall the brick and curtainwall vocabulary of the overall campus while practicing a lighter, more open envelope suited to the overall sustainable design aesthetic of ample daylight, shading, reduced infiltration and recycled content.
CEDAR VALLEY COLLEGE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY / ALLIED HEALTH

▲ level 2 floor plan
1. library
2. classroom
3. lab
4. lecture
5. support
6. office
7. collaborative area

▲ ground floor plan
1. lobby
2. classroom
3. lab
4. lecture
5. surgery
6. support
7. collaborative area
8. office

▲ campus plan
1. existing buildings
2. +1 floor height building
3. future proposed buildings

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The Advanced Health Sciences Pavilion (AHSP) at Cedars-Sinai is designed as a state-of-the-art building bringing together all the functions that make up a modern medical center. Housing Cedars-Sinai's Neurosciences and Heart Institutes, the AHSP will be one of the West Coast's largest and most advanced diagnostic, translational research and treatment facilities. It will enable top researchers and physicians to work together in contiguous space to bring the most current knowledge and practices to the community.

The 11-story building is on a public edge of the Cedars-Sinai campus, next to its primary circulation spine. Based on this prominent location, the AHSP will become a new gateway to the medical center. A gentle, curving facade invites visitors and provides a welcoming public face to the community. This curve is accentuated with a glass “lantern” at the northern edge. Transparent building materials will create a sense of openness while enabling the benign California light to reach deep into working spaces. A composition of layered high-performance skins and opaque materials will directly relate to the requirements of interior spaces as well as to the exterior environment.

The AHSP has been carefully designed to allow programs to grow and change over time with minimal disruption. It will include consistently sized treatment and procedure spaces and feature work areas that encourage collaboration. The building incorporates additional infrastructure that will accommodate future changes in medical technologies and research.

This project is expected to achieve LEED Gold certification.

Cedars-Sinai, Advanced Health Sciences Pavilion
Los Angeles, California, USA

450,000 sq. ft. / 41,800 sq. m.
Completion: 2013 (anticipated)
CEDARS-SINAI, ADVANCED HEALTH SCIENCES PAVILION

1. concrete structural slab on metal decking
2. aluminum band
3. glazed aluminum curtain wall
4. steel beam with spray-on fireproofing
5. insulated vision glass
6. insulated vision glass shadowbox
7. vertical glass fin
8. catwalk
9. laminated glass
10. aluminum panel
CEDARS-SINAI ADVANCED HEALTH SCIENCES PAVILION

connection to existing hospital

aerial rendering
Located in an environmentally protected area, the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula (CHOMP) offers sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean and Monterey Pines. The project involved an addition and renovation, incorporating new hospital facilities designed to maintain the character and integrity of the original buildings designed by Edward Durrell Stone in 1960 and 1968. The space consists of approximately 225,000 square feet of new and 90,000 square feet of renovated construction, including patient rooms with 120 private rooms, emergency department, intensive coronary and cardiology units, eight operating rooms, employee cafeteria, advanced imaging and cardiology diagnostic/treatment center and a 400-car underground parking garage.

Sleek, simple and minimalistic with low, striking roof lines, an outdoor healing garden with flowing water provides a reflective setting for patients and visitors. Daylighting is incorporated throughout the space through large pane windows that provide views of the forest and garden in alcoves, day rooms and at the ends of corridors. The colors of the landscape, blues, greens and creams, are used to give patients a sense that the beauty of the outdoors has been carried into the interior of the building. CHOMP is the first community hospital in the U.S. to provide all private patient rooms. New private patient rooms feature flat panel televisions, private bathrooms, comfortable day beds for overnight guests and large inset bay windows with views. The project was phased to allow the hospital to remain open during construction. The new design and consolidated staff provide an environment of professionalism with a safe, calm setting. The project is estimated to reduce operational costs by 12 percent.

The major design challenge was maintaining the Zen-like peacefulness and iconic design of a complex that has become a fixture in the community while carrying out an extensive enlargement and modernization. The new complex is most notable for how it complements its environment. While updated with the latest technologies, the plan, massing and scale of the new buildings are almost identical to those of the original buildings. To add space without altering the horizontal nature of the complex, one to two levels were excavated on both ends of the hospital, aligning the new buildings with the old. Maintaining low ceilings while fitting new HVAC and electrical systems also required innovative rerouting. Main ducts skip the building's middle level, which is instead fed via smaller branch ducts from adjoining floors. The new design consolidates all procedure and preparatory functions into a single environment with a cross-trained staff, predicted to reduce operational costs by 12 percent.

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Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, Addition and Renovation
Monterey, California, USA

Completion: 2009

290,000 sq. ft. / 26,940 sq. m.
The Consolidated Forensic Laboratory will house the Metropolitan Police Department Forensic Laboratory, the Public Health Lab and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for the Government of the District of Columbia. The building will provide modern facilities and expanded functions for these departments, improving public safety for citizens of the district.

The site, bounded by E Street SW, 4th Street SW, and School Street SW, is currently occupied by the Metropolitan Police Department 1st District Station and the existing Fire Department Engine 13 Company. The 1st District Station will be relocated off-site and the existing building will be demolished in its entirety. The existing Engine 13 Company Building at the west end of the site will remain and the property will be subdivided.

The building consists of two levels below grade and six levels above grade. The below grade structure includes employee and police fleet parking, electrical and mechanical spaces and an examination bay for vehicles taken in as evidence. The ground floor consists of lobby, labs, evidence take-in, and shared spaces such as conference rooms, a break room, administration office, and training rooms. Upper floor laboratories and related office spaces for each department, mechanical equipment is located in the rooftop structure and the exhaust pipes are consolidated into three chimneys above the mechanical penthouse.

The program organization and façade treatment are a response to the site and solar orientation. Laboratories are located along the north side, allowing for natural light without significant heat gain in these mechanically sensitive spaces. Building care and laboratory support spaces are located in the center of the building. Office spaces are located on the south side with full-height curtain wall to take advantage of the southern light. Exterior fenestration glazing provides solar control for the offices.

A six-story edge atrium at the corner of 4th and E Streets serves as the main entry lobby and an intercommunicating space for the upper floors. The atrium becomes a beacon and reveals the stairs and structure within. Shared conference rooms are segregated around the atrium. The east and west facades are limestone with smaller punched windows in response to the specific solar orientation. The limestone façade wraps up to the mechanical penthouse roof to become a masonry frame for the southern glass and the northern metal panel skin.

District of Columbia Consolidated Forensic Lab
Washington, D.C., USA

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A six-story edge atrium at the corner of 4th and E Streets serves as the main entry lobby and an intercommunicating space for the upper floors. The atrium becomes a beacon and reveals the stairs and structure within. Shared conference rooms are segregated around the atrium. The east and west facades are limestone with smaller punched windows in response to the specific solar orientation. The limestone façade wraps up to the mechanical penthouse roof to become a masonry frame for the southern glass and the northern metal panel skin.
This project was won through a competition to redevelop the former Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital (RNOH) site in central London into a mixed-use, high-density urban development.

The project celebrates the rich variety of city living by integrating a healthcare facility, market-rate and social/public housing, offices (in a retained historic structure), basement parking and landscaped gardens on a compact urban site. It includes a new outpatient department for the RNOH, luxury and affordable housing, and the adaptation of the formerly listed Waiting Hall of the hospital into office space.

The primary facades are made from Spanish limestone that enhances the streetscape. The limestone incorporates public art in the form of colored glass fins depicting abstract images of MRI scans, done in conjunction with James Carpenter.

The building is arranged around two landscaped courtyards and incorporates sustainable features such as ground source heat pumps, biofuel boilers and green walls and roofs.

Full medical planning and interior design services were provided for the orthopaedic clinic, delivering a seamless, welcoming series of spaces enriched by extensive use of natural light. Each program element of the composition is expressed on the elevations, giving a lively, varied and articulate expression that matches, in a contemporary way, the ornate character of neighboring Edwardian buildings.

The residential design creates increased value by providing a series of duplex penthouses with extensive panoramic roof gardens.

Fitzrovia Apartments/ Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital
London, United Kingdom

129,167 sq. ft. / 12,000 sq. m.
Completion: 2010

2011 design annual
night view

façade detail, outpatient department
This museum is the new cultural heart of Florida International University’s Modesto A. Maidique, housing artwork from the university’s permanent collection, hosting temporary exhibits and organizing educational programs and symposiums.

The museum anchors the Avenue of the Arts on campus and includes nine individual exhibition galleries, a three-story public entry hall, museum shop, café, offices, art vaults, and labs and a base of house facilities.

The building functions as an enormous box to exhibit and shelter the collection. To create the desired iconic campus centerpiece and respond to the adjacent lake, the team shaped the box to welcome and intrigue the visitor. A soaring three-story glass atrium pierces the building at its center, forming a transparent gate between the campus and the lake. The glass element encourages visual interaction among students, visitors and the museum.

A dramatic, exposed steel staircase rises through the atrium. Meanwhile, the main public entry bisects the volume into two wings joined by the enigmatic bridge and atrium. For flood protection, only public entry spaces, service docks and a café are on grade, with galleries, art storage and archives on levels two and three.

It is unusual for museums in Florida to have galleries in which work of art can be viewed as they were created—exposing light. Considerable effort and research enabled the team to accomplish this goal with skylights, vaulted ceilings and “petals” that scatter light onto the display walls, all while filtering out ultraviolet and photon loads to standard acceptable curatorial levels.

The petals that perform here in a technical role are fabricated in much the same manner as surfboards, using the exact same technologies and materials. The petals are fabricated in much the same manner as surfboards and are suspended with yacht-rigging cables and fittings—appropriate technologies for a Florida museum.

Florida International University, Frost Art Museum  
Miami, Florida, USA

46,000 sq. ft. / 4,275 sq. m  
Completion: 2007
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The building functions as a museum and exhibition center; it is designed to be welcoming and to suit the needs of the visitors. The building is a three-story glass cube that contains the museum’s public spaces. The glass cube is located on the campus and the site. The glass cube is surrounded by the campus and the lake. The glass cube is an important part of the campus and the museum.

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skylight detail

gallery
The Greenland Dalian East Harbor project, a mixed-use development situated at the terminal point of the main city axis, will create a beacon for Dalian to the world. The triangular form of the East Harbor Tower reflects the boldness and symmetry of a lighthouse while conveying a symbol of strength and grace. The curved form of the tower relates to the gently curved forms of the adjacent convention center. This approach allows each function within the tower to have its own unique entry and identity.

From afar, the single, triangular form of the main tower translates into a beacon with organically shaped openings, recognizable from any direction in the city, allowing for the expression of each use within the tower. The components of the mixed-use building share a shared identity, with three sheaths of high-performance glass extending the full height of the building. At the office levels, this glass is continuous. Moving to the hotel and residential components of the tower, the edges of the blue glass separate swimming gardens, residences, and hotel lobbies. These areas are clad in low-iron clear glass with horizontal sunshades that maximize daylight and allow an opportunity to incorporate natural ventilation into the residences. The sheathes extend to the top of the building where they reveal the public observation deck above organically shaped openings that reduce wind pressure.

The dramatic opening at the top of the iconic tower relates to the main character of the overall landscape design, as does the curvilinear pattern of the retail podium building. The dynamic landscape design and the shape of the retail podium building harmonize with the curvilinear movements of the convention center as viewed from the southwest.

The plots to the south of the main tower have four apartment buildings on the site. Each has its own address and identity, tied to the internal road. These buildings are connected through a two-story retail podium, while the spacious landscape area to the south of the buildings will be dedicated to residents. The site also contains two retail buildings adjacent to, yet separate from, the residential towers.

Greenland Dalian East Harbor
Dalian, China

3,089,000 sq. ft. / 287,000 sq. m.
Completion: 2015 (anticipated)
1. Residential drop off
2. Hotel drop off
3. Office drop off
The Greenway Self Park is Chicago’s first “green” parking garage. It is a free-standing, 11-story, 300,000 sq. ft., or 33,445 sq. m., parking garage currently pursuing LEED certification. Located at Clark Street and Kinzie Street, the exterior design features a naturally-ventilated, glazed screen façade that allows for a visual celebration of the basic concrete super-structure through a layer of breathable, green-tinted channel glass. A six-paired array of vertical turbines rises on the southwest corner of the garage and is designed to harness available wind to power the exterior wall lights of the facility.

A six-meter, reversible meter measures and returns power to the utility grid throughout the year. Other sustainable design features include a cistern rainwater collection system and a wayfinding system that educates Chicagoans on environmental responsibility.

A green roof and electric car plug-in stations are also planned as part of future construction phases.

The client, Friedman Properties, sought to achieve the goal of developing a sustainable, energy-efficient garage that would add a respectful, yet distinctive architectural addition to the River North neighborhood.

The new facility provides much-needed parking to a busy shopping and entertainment district within a sustainable and architecturally distinctive structure.
GREENWAY SELF PARK

▲ south elevation
▲ west elevation
▲ wind turbine detail
▲ view along Clark street
▲ view along Clark street
The Gunderson Dettmer law firm leased a 100,000-sq-ft, three-story building because of its bay-front location and campus setting. Salt marshes, the bay, a concrete plant and the campus landscape were to be the visual backdrop for the office. The interior space reinforces the connection between the staff, firm and clients while reflecting an emphasis on high-value service.

Public access is stratified to facilitate client hosting and accommodate risk management. The public areas of the first floor are for business development and new clients. The second floor is for existing clients and those more familiar with the firm, while the third floor is for staff and VIP events.

The interior is designed to reflect the surroundings and provide cultural transparency. Private, 140-sq-ft offices on 25 of the 27 floors are glass. The location of five large, existing light monitors on the third floor was determined by the site’s natural light and views. Offices on this floor are organized around these skylights and face communal living rooms.

This pattern is repeated on the second and first floors, extending the diagram vertically through the existing building. A mezzanine level was constructed within the monitors to create private offices below and alternate workspaces above. These offices are accessed by spiral staircases or via wide panoramic views of the site.

Lightweight, mobile furniture reinforces transparency and allows users to customize their workspaces.

The Gunderson Dettmer law firm located in Menlo Park, California, USA, is a leading law firm.
level 1 ➤
1. reception
2. conference lobby
3. continuous collaboration
4. bar
5. office services
6. file room
7. work room

level 3 ➤
1. conference lobby
2. living room
3. continuous collaboration
4. file room
5. work rooms

Living room and office space
third floor file room
third floor living room
conference room
library

irregular existing building perimeter
living rooms

new organizing masses & existing core
client area

circulation zones
planning module
Haileybury Almaty is the product of collaboration between Serzhan Zhumashov, Chairman of Capital Partners and Haileybury School, a 200-year-old, British independent school. It was designed and built in 18 months. The design responds to major challenges: a site in the foothills of the highly seismically active Tian Shan mountains; a climate that swings from -17°C to 35°C; and a 3,900-kilometer supply chain across Turkey, the Caspian Sea and Kazakh desert.

As an “all-through school,” Haileybury Almaty provides a British education and Western curriculum in Kazakhstan’s largest city. The architectural brief was to design a school that would celebrate the reverse of the Soviet approach to education: a progressive, vividly inspiring and open-minded educational environment firmly rooted in the bedrock of Kazakhstan’s own multicultural richness.

The buildings are arranged in four wings of different educational, administrative and sporting functions, set out asymmetrically. The wings revolve on concentric arcs of spaces, where transparent ETFE canopies expand natural light and bring a sense of the outside into three large linking volumes.

Deeply recessed south windows mediate the low angle of sun at the beginning and end of the day, but the insulating ETFE canopies of the atria – the first time ETFE has been used in Central Asia – allow ultraviolet light to reach the classrooms, giving a daylit experience even when it is too cold for the children to go outside. This design strategy dramatically reduced the external wall surface area and consequent energy losses, creating an architecturally non-didactic façade flooded with natural light despite its deep plan.

The team designed the lighting systems in a deliberately non-didactic way. A separate system illuminates through the ground and first floors, accentuating subtle shifts in the ground plane. Despite its eventually crowded urban surroundings, the school will remain an island of physical openness. This is a place where students, teachers and staff can mix freely, convivially, and productively, as they usher in a new age of education in Almaty that may also set fresh agendas in other ex-Soviet states in Asia.
HAILEYBURY ALMATY

▲  section, learning resource center

▲ section, lower school

▲ cross section

level 3 floor plan:
1. diploma year study base
2. learning support

level 2 floor plan:
1. upper school classrooms
2. science
3. faculty base
4. art

level 1 floor plan:
1. lower school classrooms
2. music room
3. administration
4. learning resource centre
5. junior hall
6. infirmary
7. art & technology
8. sports hall
9. drama / lecture hall
10. swimming pool
11. agora
lower school

main stair to learning spaces
HAILEYBURY ALMATY

View to south and Tien Shan mountains.
The design for this airport terminal aspires to create a spectacular gateway for visitors, a valuable civic asset for the region and a manifestation of what a 21st-century airport can be.

The design acknowledges that international airports are often the traveler’s first and last impression of a metropolitan area. A dynamic spatial and sculptural form reflects three primary objectives. First, the terminal acts as a monumental gateway, with an arch in the transverse section creating a threshold. Second, the terminal celebrates the event of flight, as the longitudinal section elevates at the landside, descends at security and rises again to airside. Finally, the terminal is a high-performance building, bearing a refined and tailored roof with apertures sized to create natural light, reflect heat, channel water and harness airflows that draw clean air through the terminal.

Befitting the Indianapolis “Circle City” nickname, the heart of this terminal is the grand Civic Plaza, marked with a hyperbolic skylight 200 feet in diameter. This space is the circulation nexus of the airport, and its grandeur celebrates the intense social interaction that occurs here. As Rodin’s Monument Circle, the center of downtown Indianapolis, the skylight offers natural light to the main gathering space, bringing the landscape of the sky inside.

The front ticketing hall rises to 82 feet in height while Civic Plaza is 60 feet tall. The corresponding two curtainwall assemblies connect the traveler to Indianapolis via panoramic views of the environs, sky and view of downtown five miles away. The natural light entering through the glazed curtain wall enhances the impression of an outdoor city square and creates a relaxed, social atmosphere.

The entire facility was designed with an intuitive layout that facilitates a seamless transition from ground to air and vice-versa. With 40 gates on two 110-foot wide concourses, passengers are always in touch with their destination via the sloped roof line reminiscent of an airplane wing. In addition to providing a terminal that establishes new paradigms for security, the design creates a terminal that reaffirms the importance of vital public space, robust human interaction and the marvelous event of flight. This new terminal turns “process into procession.”

Indianapolis International Airport, Colonel H. Weir Cook Terminal
Indianapolis, Indiana, USA
1.2 million sq. ft. / 111,480 sq. m.
Completion: 2008

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Completion: 2008
1. Highway 70
2. Curbside drop off
3. Terminal
4. Concourse
5. Parking garage
Indianapolis International Airport

Study model

Sectional model

Sections

1. Drop off
2. Ticketing
3. Civic Plaza
4. Arrivals Hall
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Inside processing zones, the vision calls for state-of-the-art infrastructure, equipped with the latest technology – the fundamental elements of success in today’s competitive global marketplace. Careful consideration is given to the location of industries and their arrangements based on their symbiotic relationship. Taking advantage of a picturesque location on the Deccan plateau and interconnecting industrial clusters with their natural setting, the aspiration was to foster inspiration and change on a global scale.

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Khed Special Economic Zone
Maharashtra, India

11,200 acres / 4,500 ha.
Completion:
Stage One - 2009
Stage Two - 2010
Phase Three - pending

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The intent is to use nature’s principles to build a mixed-used residential city focusing on human need, environmental stewardship and economic viability, resulting in a global model of urbanism where residents will live, grow and prosper in harmony with nature.

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Dense development where site allows
Nala preserve
Hilltop preserve
4:1 Slope preserve
Low land preserve
Appropriate development density

Preserved farmland
Preserved river
Preserved forest
Pedestrian & bike trails
Compact neighborhood
Green city
SEZ wall as green wall and/or solar wall
Restored slopes
Preserved valley with farming activities
Low-tech sustainable farming practice

Wind farm
Solar farm
Preserved forest
Power plant & Waste recycling plant
Green manufacturing
Preserved river
Pedestrian & bike trail

Green power
Signature gateway buildings/landmarks
Major city center clusters and green buildings
Restored slopes
Preserved river with farming activities

Green technology/preservation activities
Linear city
Green technology / Green manufacturing
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LOCALLY ATTUNED AND RESPONSIVE
A systemic approach or design that is consistently adapted to its surroundings. Having a sense of, and harmony with, one’s immediate surroundings or environment and being responsive to them. Includes having feedback loops allowing meaningful and appropriate.

INTEGRATES CYCLIC PROCESSES
A systemic approach or design whose processes follow a cyclic path. Taking part in and/or using a cyclic chain of information, energy, materials, services.

RESILIENT
A systemic approach or design that maintains function following disturbance. Has the ability to recover after disturbance by incorporating redundancy and diversity, allowing diversified and distributed.

OPTIMIZES RATHER THAN MAXIMIZES
A systemic approach or design that systematically resolves all factors in context. Increasing one’s efficiency to improve output rather than increasing one’s theoretical girth, use of raw materials, or use of energy. Includes using multi-functional design and fitting form to function.

LEVERAGES INTERDEPENDENCE
A systemic approach or design that finds value through interactions. Species and individuals can increase survival by working together. When leveraging interdependence, the result is something greater than each part separately includes recycling of materials and self-organizing.

USES BENIGN MANUFACTURING
A systemic approach or design that causes no harm in its creation. Uses non-toxic, neutral, or favorable manufacturing practices, generally accepted as sustainable, such as self-assembly and using life-friendly materials and water-based chemistry.

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A complex system of active and passive open space that has emerged from the master plan includes preserved forest and slopes, nala corridors and water bodies, formal and informal urban parks and preserved farmland outside the master plan area. A wide variety of activities will take place within this network of open spaces.

The SEZ boundaries plan is the broad level land use plan that illustrates the relationship between the processing areas, the non-processing areas and the Domestic Tariff Area (DTA). This arrangement also confirms the requirement of each SEZ being a minimum of 1000 hectares with each SEZ comprising processing and non-processing areas.

The development density diagram is a tool to visualize development density by using a range of colors. Here, the darker represents higher density and lighter colors represent less density. Each color in the spectrum is given a FSI (Floor Space Index) value that eventually yields to the total built-up area as well as total population density.

The walking distance diagram highlights the areas defined as activity centers such as town centers, major transportation hubs, or civic, commercial and retail destinations. In the diagram below, these centers are defined by circles and the radius of the circle is marked at five- and 10-minute walking distance from the center. Typically, the linear dimension of 400 meters or 1350 feet is used to define a five-minute walking distance.

The intent of the diagram is to show how the streetscape, parks and plazas are defined and linked by a series of strong building edges. All major open spaces are meant to be civic in nature and the strong built edges provide eyes on the space keeping them safe. Looking closely, one can also see the hierarchical differences in the open space system that varies from neighborhood scale to regional scale.

The regulating plan highlights each of the transect zones—from residential to dense urban to industrial areas and highlights the special district category. This plan serves as the determining plan for appropriate levels of development intensity, shows the proper transitions in scale from place to place and illustrates the connections from preserved spaces to growth areas.

Eight levels of roadway make up the hierarchy of streets planned to service Khed SEZ. This hierarchy of streets types and sizes, from primary to secondary to tertiary, in addition to width, speed and capacity, the hierarchy is related to character of the urban streets, indicating the appropriate design character of neighborhood, retail, commercial streets or highways.

Due to the large size of the site and extended time frame of the development, a strategy for phased development was considered essential. This strategy had to respond to the sequence of SEZ regulations, land acquisition, proximity to existing infrastructure, and other market-driven factors. Phasing for Khed SEZ corresponds to four primary phases or SEZs of approximately 1000 ha.
With dramatic views of the Georgian Bay along the Great Lakes Heritage Coast in northern Ontario, this visitor center fits within the rugged landscape in a way that celebrates and respects the natural environment and its ecosystems.

The design creates a facility that is strongly connected to its site in form and organization, enhancing the visitor experience through the introduction of natural light and the careful orchestration of views. Glazing along the east and west facades is minimal, with windows strategically placed to create view connections between the exhibits and the natural landscape.

Overall, the design approach is one of abstraction, drawing from the essential character of the landscape. Form abstraction begins with the interpretation of site geology, climate, and vegetation, weaving them into built form. Like the landscapes below, the building evokes a sense of movement. Twisting volumes characterize the overall massing, shaped by forces within the landscape. For example, a large vertical shift inside the building mirrors the topography found in the site’s geomorphology. As framed by the Georgian Bay, the east and west elevations lean away from the water’s edge. The building stretches parallel to a series of rock folds that cascade toward the water’s edge. Idiosyncratic, overlapping volumes combine with bands of concrete, glass, and zinc.

Sustainable design strategies include using the nearby Georgian Bay waters as a heating and cooling source, using storm water runoff to maintain wetlands of indigenous plant species and specifying recycled and recyclable building materials. Designers strategically placed access roadways, parking, and landscape in a way to preserve existing trees and vegetation.
King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) is a new international, graduate-level research university located north of Jeddah on the coast of the Red Sea. It was conceived of by King Abdullah as a part of a national effort to quickly expand Saudi Arabia’s economy beyond fossil fuels. With the King committed to personally overseeing the launch of this university, KAUST was organized, designed and constructed at extraordinary speed. It went from conception to completion in less than 30 months. Open to men and women, the university is pursuing groundbreaking sustainable technologies including alternative energy and water desalinization.

The design is a response to an extraordinary set of circumstances. In the context of a formidably hot, humid marine climate, the charge was to create a highly sustainable place, aligning the physical campus with the research mission of the university. A contemporary work of architecture was envisioned to resonate with a global audience, attracting top minds to the campus, while being firmly rooted in local Saudi culture. Research facilities were to be assembled and built concurrently with the process of identifying research agendas and user groups. Finally, the institution was to be delivered with the highest quality of a historically unprecedented speed.

KAUST was designed as a singular meta-building rather than a collection of individual buildings, resonating the university’s impact with bringing researchers and students together closely. With a compact arrangement, traditional boundaries between buildings begin to dissolve, a feeling heightened by the events of conference rooms, gardens and other programmed spaces bridging between buildings.

The singularity of the campus architecture is reinforced by a common approach to the landscape, building envelope and roof. The plinth is rendered in regional limestone, linking buildings and connecting structures to the earth. Terra cotta, the primary building material, defines the middle zone. A monumental roof with solar thermal and photovoltaic panels spans building masses, blocking and harnessing the sun.

A pedestrian spine intersects the campus, linking all within the main quad, town center and industry park. Passively cooled via solar towers, the micro-climate creates conflict between retail, meeting and office spaces. Careful delivery of sunlight creates conflict between educational interiors and the views of the outside world. The views are obscured by the events of conference rooms, gardens and other programmed spaces bridging between buildings.

Current certification as the largest LEED Platinum project in the world, KAUST is initiating the Saudi Arabian chapter of the World Green Building Council, using the knowledge gained from the design and construction of its own campus to develop regionally specific, environmentally progressive strategies for the Middle East.
KING ABDULLAH UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. applied mathematics
2. research laboratory
3. high bay laboratory
4. future high bay laboratory
5. engineering innovation building
6. administration
7. conference center / hotel
8. research park
9. auditorium
10. library
11. mosque
12. commons
13. student center
14. data center
15. parking
16. pedestrian spine
17. solar tower
18. arrival court
19. main quad
20. sea court

campus plan
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site plan
1. university campus
2. town center
3. single family residential
4. multi-family residential
5. conference center / hotel
6. research park
7. golf course

▲ diagrams
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- Pedestrian spine and solar tower
- Baguette study model
- Roof study model
- Courtyard study model
- Solar tower study model
- Solar tower skin study model
- Canopy
- Pedestrian spine and solar tower
- Integral shading
- High-performance roof
- Passively cooled courtyards
- Filtered daylight
- Solar tower
KING ABDULLAH UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

▲ administration building

▼ courtyard, pedestrian spine
▲ library reading room

▲ research laboratory atrium
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detail

main quad
The San Francisco Mint is a national historic landmark designed by Alfred Mullett and built in 1874. It survived the great earthquake and fire of 1906, earning a central place in San Francisco’s history. In the 1930s, the building was closed to the public.

Now, through a series of carefully designed interventions into the historic building fabric, the Mint is re-imagined as a new civic and cultural hub. Located at the nexus of cultural and commercial activity within the city, it will become a new gateway to San Francisco and create an important civic space.

The original architecture features thick limestone walls that provided thermal mass. Narrow floor plates and a large, central courtyard allowed natural light into the work spaces and operable windows provided natural ventilation. Taking cues from the original architect, the design team used the historic architecture to the project’s advantage. The interior program works with existing horizontal and vertical circulation patterns, opening new public spaces throughout the building, including the gold and silver counting rooms of the Mint’s production era. The interiors were conceived to function as “furniture” within the historical shell and stood in clear counterpoint to the original architecture.

A glass canopy will cover the historic courtyard, protecting the limestone walls and creating a new, year-round public space below. This primary component in a passive ventilation system will allow daylight into the building’s interior and draw warm air from the historic windows and surrounding galleries into the central courtyard and finally released up through the canopy. Water and fog collected by the canopy will irrigate new rooftop gardens, which are being added to better insulate the building and provide green space to the city. The rooftop gardens also create a new public green space where visitors can learn about the site’s upland and wetland ecology prior to the formation of the city.

**Mint Museum**
San Francisco, California, USA

Completion: 2016 (anticipated)

80,000 sq. ft. / 7,432 sq. m.
MINT MUSEUM

▲ existing rooftop ▲ existing courtyard

▼ rooftop interventions ▼ courtyard
A new office building for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), located at the Johnson Space Center, was tasked with several critical objectives. Primary among these was to act as a transitional workplace for groups displaced during an ongoing facility improvement plan for the 1,580-acre campus where NASA monitors all human space flight activities for the United States.

Building 20 accommodates 520 employees in a three-story, 83,205-sq.ft, open office environment with access to daylight and views. Significantly, it established a new, more collaborative workplace standard for NASA.

The "less is more" ethos that permeated the design and delivery of the project reflects NASA’s commitment to executing design and construction sustainability, reducing facility life cycle costs.

Integrated design methodologies are clearly expressed in the new building. Measures include a highly efficient building envelope, underfloor air distribution, a total energy recovery wheel and solar hot water harvesting supplying 18 percent of the building’s domestic hot water consumption. The net gain yields a 57 percent more energy efficient than a typical office building with gross square footage six percent below program.

Building 20 achieved LEED Platinum certification, establishing a new standard for NASA campus architecture, workplace design and environmental stewardship.
93,000 sq. ft. / 8,640 sq. m.  
Completion: 2013 (anticipated)

The concept of unity drove the design of Atlanta’s National Center for Civil and Human Rights (NCCHR). As a joint venture with the Freelon Group, this downtown museum is being designed as a place where visitors will learn about and reflect on local and global human rights.

Arms in arm, men and women of diverse cultures and backgrounds join in solidarity. Linked together, the human chain cannot easily be broken.

A simple, yet powerful, image of interlocking arms invokes the spirit of exploration and collaboration that is central to the NCCHR’s mission – signifying the links that empower individuals and groups of seemingly divergent interests to find common ground. Through this iconic form, discernible from ground level and above, the structure of the building embodies the goals and ideals of the institution.

Rising from the earth to embrace visitors at both ends of the site, the building surrounds an exterior courtyard that serves as an amphitheater and exhibit space. An acacia tree, located near the center of the courtyard, symbolizes the strength of the human chain.

As visitors move between exhibits, views of the courtyard offer respite and pause. The peace of the courtyard area contrasts with the exhibit content, which is somber or disturbing in some cases. Though the path through the building is clear, visitors have the opportunity to explore the building, discovering additional content and unexpected views.

The building’s terra cotta rain screen alludes to the long history of brick architecture in the south while providing a state-of-the-art exterior envelope that is environmentally sustainable and well-suited to the site. Stormwater is managed through green roofs, bioswales and reflecting pools.

Atlanta is a hub, the capital of the “New South” and a crossroads where individuals historically converged in the spirit of mutual respect and cooperation. So too will the center be a crossroads for discussion, showing visitors from around the world. As a place where all voices are heard, the center’s content, programs and architecture will redefine Atlanta as a global epicenter of scholarship and discourse for matters relating to civil and human rights.
▲ west elevation

▲ south elevation

▲ east elevation

▲ north elevation

wall section diagrams

1. green roof
2. terra cotta rain screen
3. sustainably harvested wood
4. perimeter supply grill
5. terra cotta bris soleil
6. high performance glazing
7. granite pavers and flooring
8. parking

NATIONAL CENTER FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS
New Songdo City is a planned international business center being developed on 1,500 acres of reclaimed land along Incheon’s waterfront, 40 miles west of Seoul.

This multi-use development is phased construction to include a convention center, international school, museum, exhibition center, cultural center, retail mall, Northeast Asia Trade Tower (NEATT), extensive parks and a large component of residential and mixed-use projects.

Located at the heart of the New Songdo business node, the hotel is designed to play a vital role in characterizing the urban landscape of this emerging metropolis.

With the distinction of being the first LEED certified hotel in South Korea, the Block B36 Sheraton Incheon Hotel is located on the south side of Central Park. The 25-story hotel tower has a total of 23 occupied floors, offering 319 premium guest rooms. Hotel amenities, including two ballrooms, spa, gym facilities, covered swimming pool, two restaurants and a lounge bar, are located on the lower levels.

The Sheraton Incheon is connected through a series of plazas and open landscape to a group of buildings that includes the Convention Center, the NEATT Tower and a retail mall.
NEW SONGDO CITY, BLOCK B36 HOTEL

▲ site plan
1. main lobby
2. front office
3. bar/lounge
4. retail
5. dining
6. kitchen
7. lounge
8. business center
9. accounting & executive offices

▲ context plan

▲ level 3 floor plan
1. prefunction
2. restaurant
3. room service and bakery
4. executive offices
5. food and beverage support
6. event room
7. meeting room
8. banquet kitchen
9. bridal shop
10. executive offices
11. staff support
12. guest rooms
13. lift lobby
14. lift lobby

▲ level 2 floor plan
1. prefunction
2. ballroom
3. banquet kitchen
4. bridal shop
5. meeting room
6. lift lobby
7. staff support
8. guest rooms
9. lift lobby
10. lift lobby

▲ level 1 floor plan
1. foyer
2. restaurant
3. room service and bakery
4. executive offices
5. food and beverage support
6. event room
7. meeting room
8. banquet kitchen
9. bridal shop
10. executive offices
11. staff support
12. guest rooms
13. lift lobby
14. lift lobby
NEW SONGDO CITY, BLOCK B36 HOTEL

▲ north elevation ▲ south elevation ▲ east elevation ▲ west elevation

▲ section ▲ section ▲ enlarged section ▲ study model

1    lobby
2    foyer
3    ballroom
4    pool
5    terrace
NEW SONGDO CITY, BLOCK B36 HOTEL

north facade detail
New Songdo City is a master-planned, international business district being built on approximately 1,500 acres of reclaimed land on the west coast of Incheon, South Korea. It will include residential, commercial, cultural/leisure, educational, healthcare and government facilities, all surrounding the city’s Central Park.

Located on the northern edge of the park, Block D22 forms a gateway to neighborhoods in the city’s northern district. It is intended to set an international high quality standard of living and design prototype. Taking advantage of its southern exposure, it will become one of the prime residential addresses in the city.

Three 50-story residential towers rise above an urban street edge of three-story commercial and retail space. The woven, lattice-like facades of glass and aluminum provide unique interior spaces and views of the park and beyond.

The towers incorporate several sustainable design features, including an energy efficient, high performance facade. More than 95 percent of the interior spaces have access to natural light.

The design of the block features landscaped courts and minimizes footprints of the retail area and towers. On each of the lower midrise buildings, tower residents can access landscaped roof gardens and enjoy nature in the city.

New Songdo City, Block D22 Residential Towers
Incheon, South Korea

165,000 sq. ft. / 15,338 sq. m.
Completion: 2010

$165,000 sq. ft. / $15,338 sq. m.
NEW SONGDO CITY, BLOCK D22 RESIDENTIAL TOWERS

- Residential tower
- Retail
- Canal/boardwalk
- Public open space
- Private auto court

Rendering

Study model
NEW SONGDO CITY, BLOCK D22 RESIDENTIAL TOWERS

1. Unit 1 (2,562 sq.ft.)
2. Unit 2 (1,388 sq.ft.)
3. Unit 3 (1,530 sq.ft.)
4. Unit 4 (1,637 sq.ft.)
5. Unit 5 (2,455 sq.ft.)

▲ West elevation ▲ Section ▲ Curtain wall study

◄ Typical floor plan A
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◄ Typical floor plan B
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2. Unit 2 (1,388 sq.ft.)
3. Unit 3 (1,530 sq.ft.)
4. Unit 4 (1,637 sq.ft.)
5. Unit 5 (2,455 sq.ft.)
NEW SONGDO CITY, BLOCK D22 RESIDENTIAL TOWERS

▲ view from road
This new office and research complex is the centerpiece of the largest planned research park in the nation’s capital region. Nearly all meteorological data collected globally arrives here for analysis by NOAA’s environmental scientists.

The design reflects NOAA's research by aspiring toward environmental sensitivity and a close relationship to nature. It also supports a sense of place by symbolically reflecting its function in the form of the building, just as natural systems do not operate in straight lines. The building is configured in a series of curving wings that intersect in a central atrium. The overall form of the building is organic in its character, creating “waves” of interior and exterior space across the site.

The north-facing elevation features continuous horizontal bands of windows that allow sweeping views into the woodland preserve and avoid direct sunlight. On the south-facing elevation, a curtain wall with a system of sunscreens reduces solar heat gain in the mode of the building. These horizontal blades also act as light shelves that bounce daylight deeper into the interior spaces. This highly articulated façade is both sloped and faceted around a long arc to catch and reflect light throughout the day. The sun animates the building as a constantly changing interplay of light and shadow.

The lower façade facing south and southwest has vertical and angled slit windows within a surface of pigmented and patterned precast concrete panels. This window pattern adds visual interest and complexity to the exterior appearance and limits solar gain.

A cupola, the highest occupied space in the building, is where researchers collect atmospheric data. Located at the top of the central curved wing of the building, it offers the best distant views from the site.

The desire to integrate the design of the building and its site extends from the landscape through the interior spaces to the top of the structure. The lower roof is low, sloped, and visible from the interior, while the upper roof is a continuous, cupola-like structure, with large, glass windows that wrap around the cupola. The lower roof is a sloped, extended roof that projects from the building entry to an eave at the cupola.
Charged with developing a campus of diverse industrial and administrative functions, it was quickly realized that there was an important and compelling story to be told about the purpose and success of the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWR). Rather than simply upgrade the architectural image beyond the conventional utilitarian character typical of industrial processes, the architecture could play a pivotal role in telling the story by providing critical public relations, educating the public of the GWR process and quality of the product. The campus could also promote global objectives of recycling, conservation and sustainability. The existing water treatment facilities already accommodated a wide range of audiences, from school tours, plant managers and engineers to dignitaries from foreign countries where water supply is essential.

Architectural elements were organized around an indoor/outdoor exhibit path, a linear spine which followed the treatment process from effluent to purified water and injection back into the aquifer. This concept allowed the achievement of several objectives, bringing the overall campus to a spatial clarity and character development appropriate to the story being told, while serving its utility to the end campus of different building types.

State-of-the-art technology and progressive vision is expressed through an integration of technical systems and architecture. The role of architecture would make the process more explicit and understandable rather than simply hide or dress up the system. Developing the story of the campus and the story, rather than all four sides of every building on the campus, becomes a strategy to ensure efficient and cost-effective design.

The strategy also allowed the project to be implemented in multiple phases while maintaining organizational clarity. The story would be reflected in the campus from early phase growth to later phases when new buildings come online.

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1. Transfer pump station
2. Lime storage
3. Ultra violet light
4. Reverse osmosis
5. Warehouse
6. Microfiltration
7. R.O. transfer pump station
8. R.O. electrical
9. Spine

▲ Site plan
▲ Transfer pump station, south elevation
▲ Transfer pump station, west elevation
▲ Microfiltration, north elevation
▲ Microfiltration, west elevation
ORANGE COUNTY GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT SYSTEM

▲ facade detail

▲ section

▲ pump station, west elevation
Construction of this building anticipating LEED Platinum certification will consolidate the offices of Reliance into one global headquarters building.

As energy generation and distribution make up Reliance’s main business unit, it became important that the defining design concept project a ground-breaking energy conservation and innovation. The second and most important goal was to express and enable a high-performance building set within the demanding Mumbai climate.

A number of strategies were used to achieve this goal, the most apparent being an expansive cantilevered roof structure hovering over the majority of the site. Integrated within this structure is a vast array of photovoltaic collectors capable of providing more than five percent of the building’s overall energy demands.

To combat the harsh solar climate of Mumbai, a secondary double screen wall made up of stone panels and ceramic baguettes shields the building on the necessary façades.

The building’s distinctive massing is best described as a residual form—the result of carving out the required program areas for the recreational garden on the southeast and service yard to the northwest. When viewed in plan, the ‘Z’ diagram is organized as two conventional bars jointed by a common atrium and core.

The recreational garden includes a corporate clubhouse designed to utilize the adjacent green space. Acting as a centerpiece to this garden is an existing sacred tree. Used by migratory birds, its preservation was a requirement for this development.

Below grade, a two-level, 400-car parking garage serves both staff and corporate executives.
level 2 floor plan ►
1. lift lobby
2. office

ground level floor plan ►
1. entry colonnade
2. lobby
3. recreational garden
4. club house
5. vehicular access
6. executive parking
7. loading

site plan
1. western exp. highway
2. vehicular access
3. recreational garden
4. security booth
The Riyadh Municipal Complex is located next to the historic town of Riyadh and faces Al Salam, one of the city’s most prominent parks. Its program required the organization of diverse departments, an reception hall, auditorium and exhibition space. A variety of private and public functions, the facility needed an efficient, easily understood circulation system.

The building consists of a set of office blocks connected vertically, spatially and visually by a hierarchical set of interior atria and public spines. The upper levels of each block host executive functions and have the least public interaction. Departments that experience the most public interaction operate on the lower levels of each office block.

The building is a wrapping form that changes in response to orientation, scale and access. It folds in on itself to shelter a large public plaza of shaded pathways and micro climatic grottos, the old street grid carved from its stone terrain. A sloping green roof serves as an insulator from the intense Saudi sun while roof-mounted photovoltaics make use of abundant solar energy.

The facades respond to solar orientation. Narrow slots at the west-facing stone wall protect and diffuse light from the sun’s glare while filtering light. Vertical atrium spaces separate the office blocks and offer natural light to occupants. In contrast, the southern and northern facades offer a lace-like diffused transparency, optimizing daylighting through a self-shaded curtain wall that varies in projection and density.

As the building ascends to the south, its mass projects monumentally, addressing itself as city portal, connecting the plaza with Al Salam Park and reinforcing its role as the city’s central green oasis.

1.2 million sq. ft / 108,295 sq. m.
Competition: 2009

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Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

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RIYADH MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

▲ study model

▲ digital study model

▲ study model

▲ study model
The Dalí Museum is the most visited museum in the southeastern United States and is the permanent home of the world’s most comprehensive collection of the renowned Spanish artist’s work. The new museum was designed, first and foremost, to exhibit and protect the priceless collection.

Contained on three floors and fronting Tampa Bay, the museum includes the permanent collection, temporary exhibitions, offices, the public entrance, museums shop, art vaults, library and all necessary back-of-house functions. A particular challenge of the site was the need to protect the priceless collection from the high winds and storm surges strong hurricanes can bring to the Florida coast. To mitigate this risk, the collection is sheltered well above the Category 5 hurricane flood level and protected behind 18-inch-thick waterproof, heavily reinforced concrete walls. The only facilities on grade are the public entry, museum retail stores, service docks, carpentry shops, a multipurpose room and an auditorium.

Beyond protecting the collection, the team was tasked with designing a symbol of surrealism — particularly of Dalí’s work — that serves as an iconic signal of the importance of the collection within. Thus, while the museum design is a treasure box to shelter the collection from harrowing vulnerabilities, several design moves opened the box to welcome and intrigue the visitor. The museum’s exterior is characterized by the triangulated, geodesic, faceted glass that features the first U.S. use of faceted glass. Other unique features are the helical reinforced concrete visitor stair, which invites the visitor to climb up to the art galleries of the third level, or the innovative use of daylight, funneled through light cannons to bathe seven large, oil-painted "masterworks" in soft, carefully controlled natural daylight.
SALVADOR DALÍ MUSEUM

▲ cafe ▲ second-floor lobby ▲ helical staircase detail ▲ atrium ▲ north elevation ▲ south elevation ▲ east elevation ▲ west elevation
Samsung’s Research and Development Center is a multinational, high-technology building located within a large campus. The design concept centers on an idea of a seed and its progression through the germination process, paralleling the creation and maturation of ideas. Meeting the ground with a large open-air public space for “conception,” the building emerges vertically to a lab “stem” for testing and is topped by a conferencing “first leaf” space for the sharing and gathering of refined ideas. The facility houses general, industrial, and environmental technology labs, as well as associated office, study, utility and meeting spaces.

The building is designed as a series of enclosing shells to reduce electrical and cooling demands far in excess. These structures enhance the use of natural daylight and reduce dependency on electromechanical systems.

External sustainable strategies include roof and sky gardens that replace the displaced natural vegetation displaced by the building, resulting in minimal loss of oxygen-producing plants. All building systems are controlled by an automated digital system that monitors outdoor and indoor environmental conditions to maximize building efficiency.

70,000 sq. ft. 6,500 sq. m.
Completion: 2012 (anticipated)

Samsung Research and Development Center
Seoul, South Korea

2011 design annual
▲ south view

▲ north view

SAMSUNG RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER
After successfully delivering the Prints and Drawings Gallery, HOK was appointed to provide architectural design for the creation of a new gallery in the British Museum to house the Sir Percival David Collection of Chinese ceramics. Previously displayed at the University of London in Gordon Square, this collection is widely regarded as one of the most important collections of Chinese ceramics outside of mainland China.

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The design of the gallery was conceived to be subservient to the 1,700 exhibits. The restrained palette of materials comprises oak strip boarding, relief walls of black Chinese granite and gypsum ceiling with integrated service troughs. Both the layout of the gallery and the lighting strategy reflect the desire for an intimate, uncluttered, welcoming space that enhances visitors’ ability to easily navigate the space and focus on the exhibits.

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The design intent for this medical research center was to create a building culture that encourages curiosity, collaboration and excellence in both education and research, linking students, faculty and members of private industry.

Through the interplay of materials and use of developing technologies, materials and applications, the design creates a building reflective of pushing the boundaries of science in the 21st century. This geometry and building enclosure present dynamism and a logistical and aesthetic, acting as a catalyst for innovation, creative thinking and environmental stewardship.

The building presents a contemporary and exciting image as viewed from all directions, with contrasting color, shapes and forms. Entry portals from both the north and south, along with a "through lobby," create an equal sense of entry whether a person is arriving by car, foot, bike or public transit. A reflecting pool and plaza offer opportunities for outdoor conversation and learning, while impacting an immediate sense of arrival and place.

The building massing reflects the internal program while providing a balanced range of elements and spaces that are comfortable and proportional to a human scale. The horizontal form of the laboratories is balanced with both the vertical expression of the core elements and central community space. The building reflects the exterior expression of the science elements and control community space. The massing responds directly to the adjacent Burnham Institute and builds upon that expression with the curved academic wing to the west.

Material selection is based on a holistic approach integrating aesthetic values, quality and sustainability for a high-performance, contemporary architectural design. Assembled together, the materials create a distinguished structure reflecting the dignity, enterprise, vigor and ambition of the University of Florida.
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, LAKE NONA RESEARCH CENTER
This new complex accommodates a dynamic mix of housing, meeting, dining and retail, bringing new life to the surrounding community. The design incorporates a combination of contemporary masonry architecture, an articulated glass curtain wall on the residence towers and, at the Forum, a steel trellis roof and light columns.

Throughout the complex, exterior architectural expressions reflect interior uses, embodying the relationship between student life, academic enrichment and convocation requirements in an urban campus setting. Through innovative program stacking, building orientation, landscape, use of daylight, multi-level gardens and careful massing, the design of this complex integrates uses to satisfy multiple constituents.

The project includes a 3,000-seat convocation center known as “The Forum,” a residence hall for 750 students, a dining facility, a 150-seat event center, student study spaces and retail. The primary program elements are linked to each other at levels one and two via shared public, front-of-house pre-function spaces and back-of-house service and support functions. A series of social spaces provide venues for interaction to guide visitors and residents to their destinations.

The complex is designed to encourage students to spend more time on campus and provide venues that attract the local community. The program and site also offer a valuable opportunity to establish an identity for the South Campus. The pedestrian-scaled development includes landscape design features such as planting areas, trees, benches and plaza paving and lighting. The prominent location provides monumental views both to and from the new campus.

University of Illinois at Chicago, James J. Stukel Towers and Forum
Chicago, Illinois, USA 
Completion: 2008
1. Forum entry plaza
2. Auditorium
3. Rehearsal space
4. Retail
5. Residence entry plaza
6. Courtyard
7. Theater
8. Service
9. Residence lobby

▲ site plan

▲ level 2 floor plan
1. Residence tower one
2. Residence tower two
3. Residence tower three
4. Residence tower four
5. Two-story lounge
6. Parkway lounge
7. Residence lobby
8. Rack room

▲ residential tower floor plan
1. Residence tower one
2. Residence tower two
3. Residence tower three
4. Residence tower four
5. Two-story lounge
6. Light cannon

▲ east elevation

▲ section