

## Today's News - August 27, 2004

Huxtable (eloquent, as always) on tall buildings: they "aspire to the sublime" (but often leave us humans "in the dust"). – U.K. architects plot a coup; these "predators" may be doing the right thing. – Ikea joins Philadelphia's urban "archipelago of big-box retailers" (but that doesn't make it urban). – Big plans for corporate HQ in Dublin. – Forget McMansions: it's McPalaces for the rich in a development outside of St. Petersburg, Russia. – A call to pay more attention to landscape architecture in Bangladesh. – A British architect agonizes over folding her firm, but has high hopes for the future. – A former mayor now leading New Urbanists calls for architects to "come down off their lofty perches and design some houses for ordinary people." – Weekend diversions: Calatrava show in Seattle is "brilliant," and "Tall Buildings" in New York.

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[WTC Events Didn't Cloud Skyscraper Construction: The tall building is a gigantic instrument of market economics, but it still aspires to the sublime. By Ada Louise Huxtable](#)- Wall Street Journal

[Farrell plots Royal coup: Terry Farrell has launched a controversial bid to oust HOK International from Britain's biggest-ever hospital scheme...wants health bosses to hire his firm and Nightingale Associates \[images\]](#)- BD/Building Design (UK)

[Comment: Predators step into Royal London ring: are right to put professional niceties to one side when the success of the UK's most ambitious urban hospital in decades is at stake. - HOK: Farrell/Nightingale](#)- BD/Building Design (UK)

[Address alone does not make Philadelphia's Ikea 'urban': ...a member of an exclusive "power center" that features an archipelago of big-box retailers...You call that urban? By Inga Saffron \[images\]](#)- Philadelphia Inquirer

[AIB gets permission for large HQ extension: ...56,834 sq m \(611,755 sq ft\) office scheme on the 14-acre grounds. - RKD architects](#)- Irish Times

[Russian super-rich turn back the clock in palatial fashion: work has begun on 50 miniature palaces, each modelled on a famous residence of British, French or Russian monarchs.](#)- Guardian (UK)

[A breath of fresh air: Our home-grown rural architecture...so obsessed...with imitating the alien that we have ignored...taking into account the outdoors. \[a public works landscaping project\] demonstrating that the outside is equally important. - Interdec Systems](#)- Daily Star (Bangladesh)

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[Kathryn Findlay admits the agony of folding her practice, but vows she will bounce back - Ushida Findlay Architects](#)- BD/Building Design (UK)

[Interview: John O. Norquist/Congress for the New Urbanism 'Takes Five' with Whitney Gould: Seeing the strength of urban neighborhoods](#)- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[The man behind the Athens Olympics architecture: "Santiago Calatrava: The Architect's Studio" \[at Henry Art Gallery\] brilliantly captures the essence of perhaps the hottest architect in the world today.](#)- Seattle Times

[The shape of things to come: With the new skyscrapers, size isn't everything: "Tall Buildings" at MoMA](#)- Chicago Tribune

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[-- Exhibition: "Tall Buildings," MoMA QNS, New York](#)

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