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An amazingly in-depth look at the world's top 12 modern buildings. — Pompidou Centre (#3) omitted mention the project's structural engineer (to the dismay of his children). — Sacramento is on the verge of joining greenest cities ranks. — FutureBOSTON looks to keep the city "competitive in an economy where talent is increasingly mobile - and fickle." — Blum on why he "began to sour" on Jane Jacobs "on account of what struck me as the shortsightedness of her localism, or at least the localism shouted in her name." — Two Bangalore architects are disgruntled by government apathy in planning construction. — Preservationists should spend less time griping and more time figuring out how to make historic structures practical. — A big-picture look at what might be in store for Manhattan's Hudson Yards. — Kamin on "one of the most noteworthy of Chicago's enlightened efforts to put high-profile architects at the service of those at the bottom of the economic ladder." — Hadid's Olympic aquatics center gets value-engineered again (third time a charm?). — Niemeyer at 100 still has a desk full of projects. — Alsop's "latest leap looks good," and Kurokawa as a master of PR. — Jencks on his good friend Kurokawa (and much more). — The public votes Toms canvas shoe as top Cooper-Hewitt's People's Design Award. — Calls for entries: CNU 2008 Charter Awards; 2007 Beyond Green High Performance Building Awards; and Tile of Spain Architecture and Interior Design Awards.

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[Great Modern Buildings: Get under the skin of the world's top twelve modern buildings...](#) By Jonathan Glancey, Germaine Greer, Alice Rawsthorn, Simon Jenkins, Robert Hughes, etc. — Shreve, Lamb & Harmon; Gehry; Richard Rogers/Renzo Piano; Gaudi; Libeskind; Grimshaw; Foster; Utzon; Charles Holden/Adams, Holden and Pearson; Hadid; Le Corbusier; Frank Lloyd Wright [images]- Guardian (UK)

[It's not just architects who make great buildings: ...all the credit for the design and look of the finished Pompidou Centre had been given to the architects Richard Rogers and Renzo Piano and virtually no mention was made of our father, Peter Rice, the project's structural engineer...design was a collaborative effort between all three men.](#) By Kieran and Heidi Rice- Guardian (UK)

[Eco-friendly city branding: Sacramento on-the-verge of becoming green...Within the city's Sustainability Master Plan is an area focused on urban development, land use, green building and transportation. — Rebar: The Trust for Public Land; Mogavero Notestine Associates-](#) Sacramento News & Review (California)

[FutureBOSTON Project Invites Open Dialogue Regarding City: ...an urban development project and competition organized by MIT, insists that the city can — and must — do better.-](#) The Tech (MIT)

[Local Cities, Global Problems: Jane Jacobs in an Age of Global Change: We can resist the extremes of modernism and all its failures; but that does not free us from facing up to the same challenges and inequities that modernism sought to rectify. I don't know that Jane Jacobs fully accepted this.](#) By Andrew Blum- AndrewBlum.net

[Changing facades of the Garden City: "The dehumanising effect of modern civilisation has created dehumanised structures. Buildings should reflect their time, and should be ageless"...two City architects are disgruntled by government apathy in planning construction.... — Virendra Girdhar and Sandeep Khosla/Khosla Associates-](#) Deccan Herald (India)

[Sustainability Has Taken the Moral High Ground From Preservation: ...some preservation advocates spend too much time griping about their waning influence and not enough figuring out how to make historic structures practical in an era of higher energy costs and lower carbon footprints. — Henry Moss/Bruner/Cott-](#) The Chronicle of Higher Education

[It Begins: Titans Bid On Western Rail Yards: The Architects of The New West Side — Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\)/Diller Scofidio + Renfro; Helmut Jahn/Murphy/Jahn; Cesar Pelli/FXFowle; Kohn Pedersen Fox \(KPF\); Steven Holl \[links\]-](#) New York Observer

[Tigerman-designed Mission brings light and hope to its clientele: Pacific Garden Mission...one of the most noteworthy of Chicago's enlightened efforts to put high-profile architects at the service of those at the bottom of the economic ladder...include Helmut Jahn's sleek new single-room-occupancy building...constitute a laboratory of international significance, one every bit as important as the city's new supertall skyscrapers or its much-publicized push into green architecture.](#) By Blair Kamin — Tigerman McCurry Architects; Peter Schaudt [slide show, video]- Chicago Tribune

[Olympic aquatics centre scaled back for third time: Distinctive roof of Zaha Hadid-designed pool could be timber rather than steel to cut costs \[image\]-](#) Building (UK)

[Prize-winning Brazilian architect Oscar Niemeyer still busy at 100: ...has a desk full of projects...and with each assignment, he remains faithful to the sinuous lines that are hallmark of his work..."What do I think of life?" he says. "A woman at your side, and let God have his way." \(AP\)-](#) International Herald Tribune

[Will's latest leap looks good: Will Alsop has fallen into Marco Goldschmied's open arms — and it could finally give him the chance to compete at the highest level; Kurokawa — a master of PR.](#) By Amanda Baillieu — SMC Group; Richard Rogers Partnership (RRP)- BD/Building Design (UK)

[Tribute: Kisho Kurokawa, 1934-2007...his friend of 40 years, Charles Jencks, talked to](#)

[bdonline editor Zoë Blackler about the man, his pioneering work and his legacy. \[images, links\]](#)- BD/Building Design (UK)

[Toms shoe steps into Cooper-Hewitt's People's Design Award win: ...canvas shoe held onto a shoestring-thin lead over the Floating Barge Pool...Good Magazine, a ThinkPad computer and Global Green earned the third, fourth and fifth spots... -- Jonathan Kirschenfeld](#)- NY Daily News

[Call for entries: CNU 2008 Charter Awards honoring best work in urban design, architecture, development, and placemaking; deadline: December 12](#)- Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU)

[Call for entries: 2007 Beyond Green™ High Performance Building Awards; deadline: November 30](#)- Sustainable Buildings Industry Council (SBIC)

[Call for entries: Tile of Spain Architecture and Interior Design Awards; deadline: October 31](#)- Tile of Spain



[Morphosis: United States Federal Building, San Francisco -- Thom Mayne](#)

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