



Architecture in a Rapidly Changing World

Ralph Johnson

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- Celebrates the legacy of contemporary architect Ralph Johnson, Firmwide Design Director at Perkins&Will, and provides comprehensive insight into his creative journey and architectural works
- An interview with Ned Cramer explores Johnson's design philosophy, and essays by Cramer and Thomas Fisher delve deeper into the architect's work
- Features several hundred pages of detailed study, full-colour photographs, sketches, illustrations, and plans
- Presented in a beautiful slipcover, this two-volume set will take pride of place on bookshelves. It sits comfortably in the heady realm of Images' *21st Century Masters* series, which celebrates international juggernauts in the fields of architecture and design

Contemporary architect Ralph Johnson, Firmwide Design Director at Perkins&Will, is one of the most prolific and awarded American architects practicing today. **Architecture in a Rapidly Changing World** is a two-volume monograph commemorating his enduring career, influential legacy, and impressive portfolio of work. Taken together, the volumes explore how individual expression emerges within the context of a larger architectural practice.

Volume 1: Creative Journey encapsulates Johnson's career from architecture school to the present, with a selection of his built and unbuilt work from 1971 to 2012, including the Contemporaine, an iconic residential high-rise in downtown Chicago. **Volume 2: Recent Work** explores his latest projects in more depth and includes the Tinkham Veale Student Center at Case Western Reserve University, the Shanghai Natural History Museum, the Northtown Library and Apartments, the Damen Green Line Station, and the Suzhou Science and Technology Museum. While Johnson's approach has evolved over six decades of practice, his adherence to the core values of humanism, environmentalism, and modernism has never wavered.

Ralph Johnson's portfolio of award-winning work around the world has earned him a rightful place in the pantheon of modern architecture legends. For more than four decades, his buildings have transformed both place and community, inspiring a generation of architects to pursue beauty and high performance through meticulous study of site and form. Born and raised in Chicago, Johnson received his Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and his Master of Architecture from Harvard University. In 1976, he joined Perkins&Will — now 2,700 people strong — where he is Firmwide Design Director. It is notable that Johnson developed his unique design voice at such a large global practice; his exposure from the earliest days of his career to diverse regions of the world — and to the broad variety of commissions that only a large firm can win — refined his contextual sensibility, a hallmark of his design approach. Johnson was elected to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects in 1995, and to the National Academy of Design in 2015. In 2022, AIA Chicago recognised Johnson with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding contributions to the profession.

