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Developing Informed Architectural Languages

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- Provides a description of clear and useful strategies for creating enriched architectural languages through interviews with nine noteworthy North American architects
- Each architect interviewed is asked the same set of questions, allowing readers to perceive a fuller understanding of issues discussed as each architect interviewed comments on the same questions

As the number and distinctiveness of design directions in contemporary architecture expands, an outcome has emerged of a contradictory nature. While many of these directions hold great intrigue, a troubling aspect arises in that in their realisation an 'incompleteness' is often exhibited, one expressing a less developed architectural richness expressed an under utilised nature of the architectural language itself.

Internal addresses this issue with a focus on topics underlying the creation of architectural languages. Concentrating on strategies and concepts that inform the creation of cohering architectural languages versus 'external' issues affecting design, such as those necessary to accommodate site or program, *Internal* focuses on design considerations with the authority grounded in 'internal' language-based architectural issues. Identifying underlying themes and strategies necessary to create coherent and informed architectural languages constitutes the effort underlying this book.

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