



The World by Design: 20 Years

Leaders of Design

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- **A 20-Year Legacy:** Marks two decades of influential international conferences, offering a rare retrospective on the evolution of global design thinking
- **Firsthand Perspectives from Industry Leaders:** Features personal essays from top architects, interior designers, and landscape designers—insight you won't find in traditional design books
- **Global Inspiration:** Showcases destinations across Europe, the Middle East, and Asia, demonstrating how travel directly informs creative practice
- **Visually Rich:** Combines striking photography with thoughtful writing, making it both a sourcebook and a collectible object.
- **Cross-Disciplinary Insight:** Brings together voices from multiple design fields and related industries, offering a broader view of how design operates in the world
- **Behind-the-Scenes Access:** Gives readers an insider look at exclusive trips, spaces, and experiences typically inaccessible to the public
- **Community & Connection:** Highlights the relationships and collaborations that have shaped the Leaders of Design over time
- **Practical Inspiration:** Connects travel experiences to real design outcomes, showing how ideas translate into built and designed work

The World by Design: 20 Years celebrates two decades of global exploration, creative exchange, and lasting connections by the members of the Leaders of Design community. By uniting voices across architecture, interior design, landscape design, and related industries, the book captures the spirit of a group aligned by curiosity, collaboration, and a shared belief in the transformative power of design.

Over the last 20 years, members have traveled to extraordinary destinations—from the cultural richness of Belgium and Buenos Aires to the refined minimalism of Japan and the vibrant textures of Morocco and Thailand—each country offering fresh perspectives and enduring inspiration.

Through a variety of writings and evocative photography, this invaluable compendium shows how these unique experiences have shaped the work and philosophies of its members. Each contributor traces a moment of discovery—whether architectural, cultural, or deeply personal—and connects this encounter to their design thinking and practice.

This book is a testament to the power of travel, community, and shared ideas. It also introduces the work of its participants to a wider public and will give readers a look at what the top designers from all over the United States are creating today. *The World by Design: 20 Years* offers an intimate and inspirational look at how exposure to the world's most beautiful places—and the conversations they spark—can influence not only what designers create, but how they see.