

Stairways to heaven Stepping it up a notch, from homes to high rise.

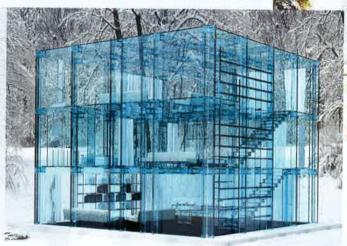
RIGHT NOW ARCHITECTUI

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of permanent installations by artists, designers and architects, among them William Kentridge, Karim Rashid and the late Gae Aulenti. Spanish architect Oscar Tusquets Blanca designed Toledo station (left) with a sea of Bisazza mosaic tiles (left). And the Bisazza Foundation for Design and Contemporary Architecture will host the European debut of Richard Meier: Architecture and Design, opening May 8 in Venice, to mark the soth anniversary of the award-winning designer's practice, bisazza,com

DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER

Carlo Santambrogio and designer Ennio Arosio explored the use of glass in construction that led to the development of **Diamant**, a 30-mm treated tempered glazing system. Utilising seamless joints, the glass can be used structurally as an architectural material, as well as for complete kitchens, furniture and bathroom elements. A private commission of a glass house in a French forest (right) proves not everyone is shy about revealing what goes on inside their home! santambrogiomilano.it



SPLIT PERSONALITY The Marina Lofts

condominium development (above) in Florida's Fort Lauderdale by Danish practice BIG architects uses a tessellated geometry that will feature a jagged slice through the high-rise tower. While it reads as though the structure has fractured, it offers public access to the waterfront. Apartments are housed in staggered cubes, angled to maximise privacy, with 'missing' modules used as a bridge over the adjacent river and to widen the boardwalk big.dk



WFH house (above) constructed from repurposed shipping containers for the structure that can be combined to create a variety of open-plan living options. The carbon-neutral dwellings are easily demountable, include low-energy consumption materials and features, and require just a short construction period. Online tools allow customisation of the layout and the facade, on which sustainable materials can be used such as bamboo cladding, arcgency.com; worldflexhome.com

OUTSIDE THE SQUARE

Matthias Hollenstein and Felicity Stewart (below) head young Sydney architecture firm Stewart Hollenstein which rocketed to prominence after winning a competition to design the library and plaza of Sydney's Green Square urban-renewal project (below). The below-ground library, which includes outdoor bookshelves and story-telling garden, is set for completion in 2017, stewarthollenstein.com; cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au





THIRTY DAYS The London Architecture Festival is now an annual month-long event. June 1-30. londonfestivalofarchitecture.org