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## A RACE IN THE SUN

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EMBODIES DYNAMIC MOTION

### **SPRAWL TO TALL**

Tall buildings may well be the future of sustainable architecture

### **ENGINEERS VS. ARCHITECTS**

Continuing the debate on who controls the built environment



**PARIS, FRANCE** // To celebrate the 120th anniversary of the Eiffel Tower, French architecture firm, Serero Architects, has proposed the addition of a temporary Kevlar observation deck to the top of the iconic structure. The lookout point will more than double the total space atop the tower from 280m<sup>2</sup> to 580m<sup>2</sup>.

The platform design was generated by computer script,

which is based on the structural principles of the tower, or, the tower's 'DNA'.

The structure will be temporarily bolted to the existing tower and will not require any modification of the existing exoskeleton.

The observation deck will accommodate more than 1,700 hourly visitors at the top, which is almost three times the amount of visitors possible without the addition.

**ZÜRICH, SWITZERLAND** //

Foster+Partners has designed an extension to the historic Dolder Grand Hotel, located on the shores of Lake Zurich. The structure was re-planned to incorporate two new wings, which alongside the pre-existing hotel, was christened the Dolderberg Resort.

The fully glazed facades of the new wings ensure that every room has a view to the surrounding lakes and moun-

tains. The geometry of the new elements is fluid and organic; it utilises natural undulating screens to maintain a clear distinction between old and new.

The colour palette of the flowing screens matches the existing building, thus further harmonising the aesthetic composition.

The overall concept was to create a new extension that celebrates the old, but maintains a separate—although complementary—presence.

