



## SUSTAINABILITY

How architecture endures will be the responsibility of the architects that fashion the structures and cities of the future. While the fate of this noble discipline is certainly not fading with the latest forms of digital media or the desire for new and exciting places to visit or dwell, architecture requires a serious yet playful approach in understanding the principles of form and space and practicing their use in the buildings and settlements of the future.

After the fall of Rome, the city took on a new shape and form during the Middle Ages. The Roman Forum became the quarry of the new capitol and much of the material found in the churches that sprung up during the Renaissance and Baroque era were the spoils of the ancient temples and baths of the old city.

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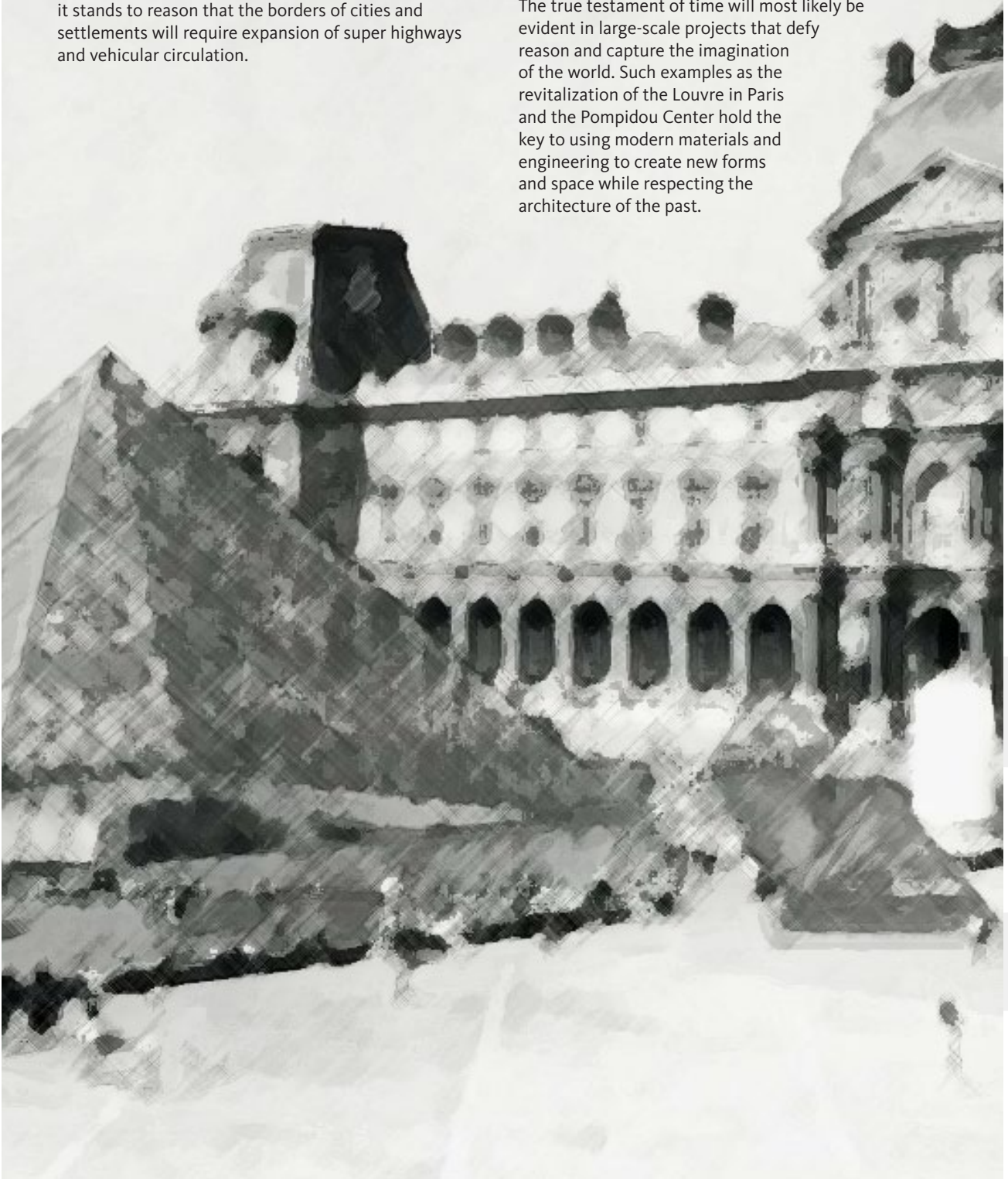
*Roman Forum; David Robert Donatucci*

### Economic Prosperity

The morphology of our towns and cities will need to come to terms with the issues that help shape them. As political boundaries become blurred with the acceleration of transportation of people and goods, it stands to reason that the borders of cities and settlements will require expansion of super highways and vehicular circulation.

The availability of inexpensive building materials and the ease of their production have already created a disposable architecture that is continually destroyed and rebuilt. Sustaining any real examples of architecture becomes more difficult in this commerce-driven environment.

The true testament of time will most likely be evident in large-scale projects that defy reason and capture the imagination of the world. Such examples as the revitalization of the Louvre in Paris and the Pompidou Center hold the key to using modern materials and engineering to create new forms and space while respecting the architecture of the past.



*The Louvre; David Robert Donatucci*



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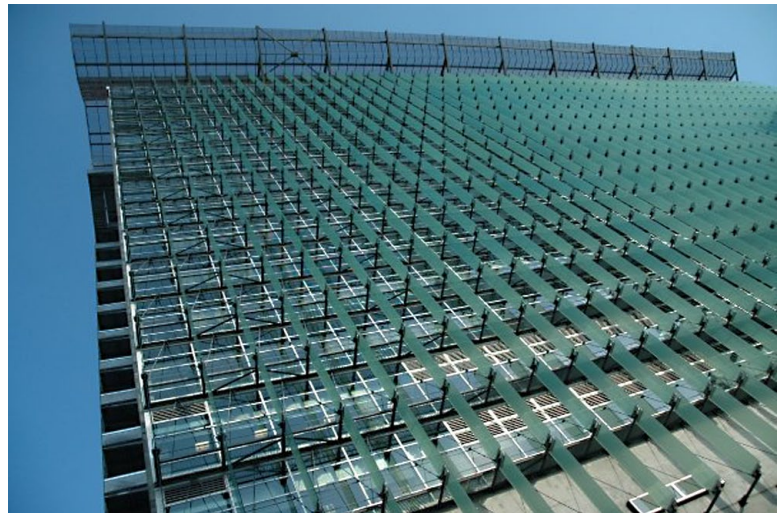
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## Global Preservation

The threat of global climate change and the depletion of natural resources have placed the evolution of architecture along new paths. Many of the structures that are built today address very real concerns of the public. The incorporation of new systems or supplies such as green materials, waste management, and alternative energy sources will become commonplace with housings and civic structures of the future.

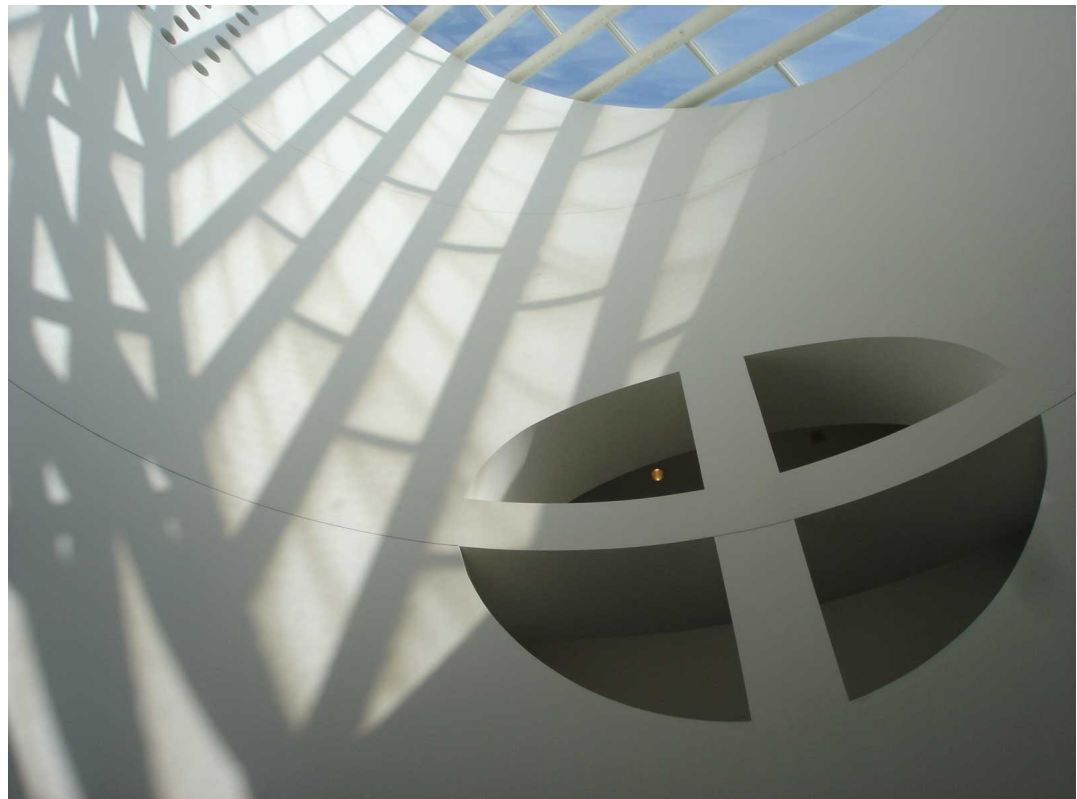


*Federal Building; Rudy Bortolamiol*

## Tourism

With the ease of travel and the expansive flow of information around the world, the global village has arrived. Tourism will continue to fuel many projects of the future and offer new forms and spaces to museums, theatres, stadiums, theme parks, and even island resorts.

The manner in which architecture fulfills its duty to dazzle the anxious traveler will certainly bring about more impressive structures that circulate people and inspire them.



*San Francisco MOMA; Ivo Vanlentik*



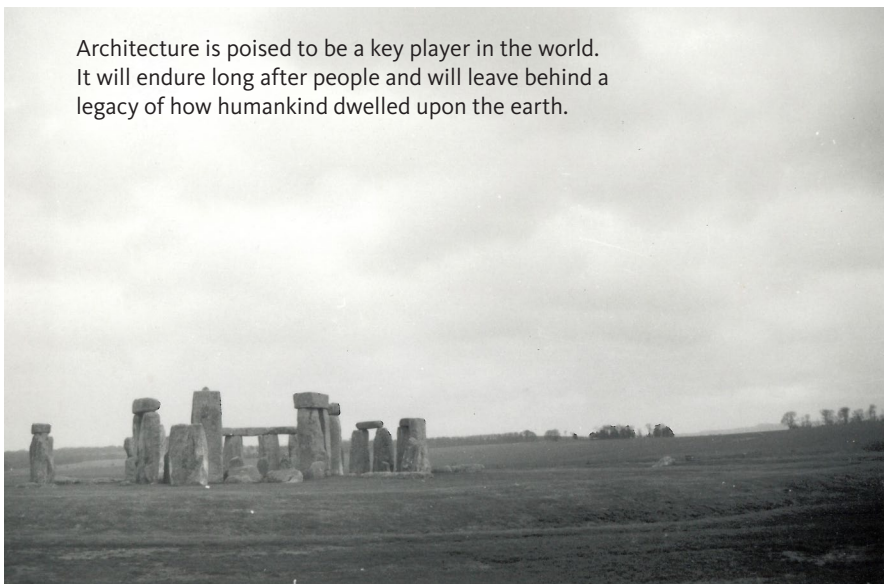
## Utopia

Whether architecture can save the world from its own devices is a difficult question to answer. Architects will always find new ways to explore form and space. The new frontiers can now be anything from a super metropolis enveloping suburban sprawl to off-planet space stations. Even subterranean or underwater cities are now possible and might become necessary.



*The Future Is Now; David Robert Donatucci*

Architecture is poised to be a key player in the world. It will endure long after people and will leave behind a legacy of how humankind dwelled upon the earth.



*Stonehenge; David Robert Donatucci*