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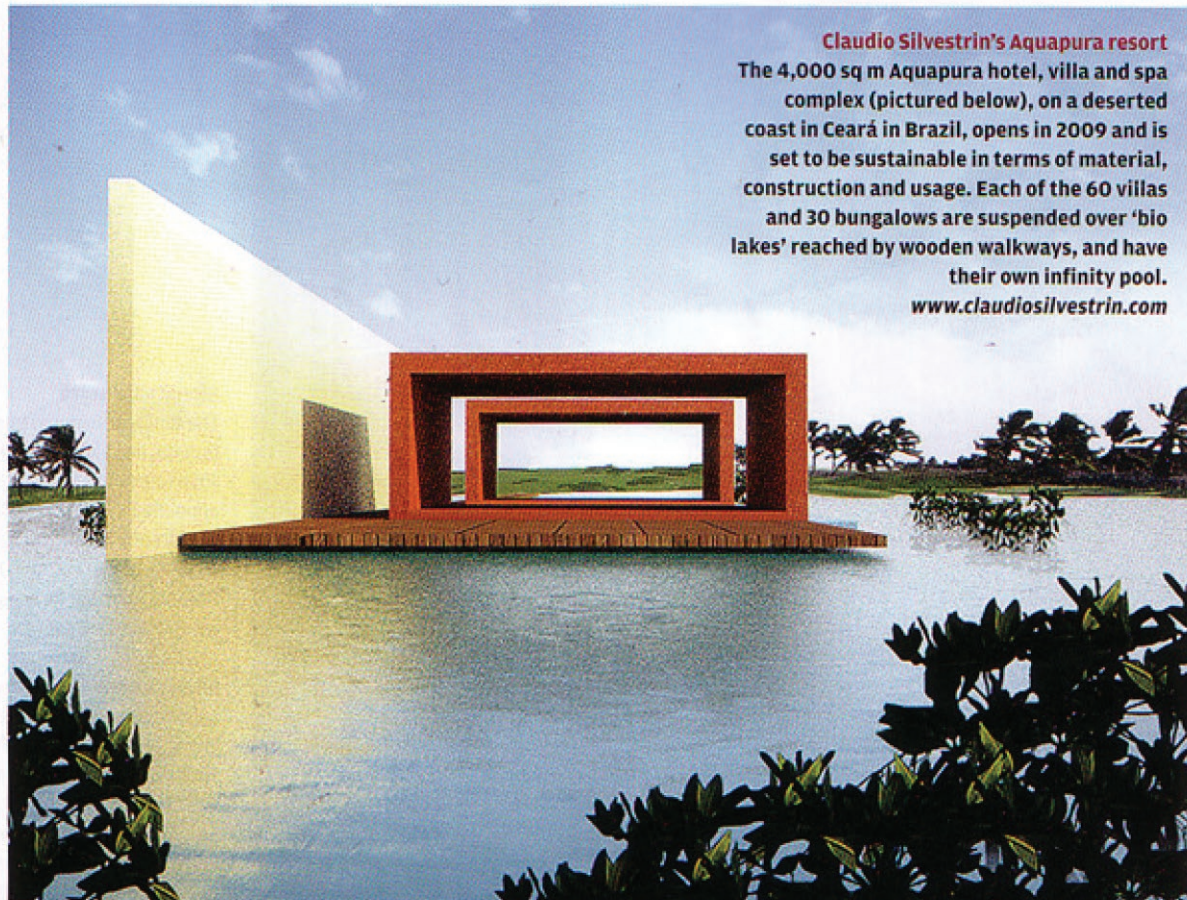


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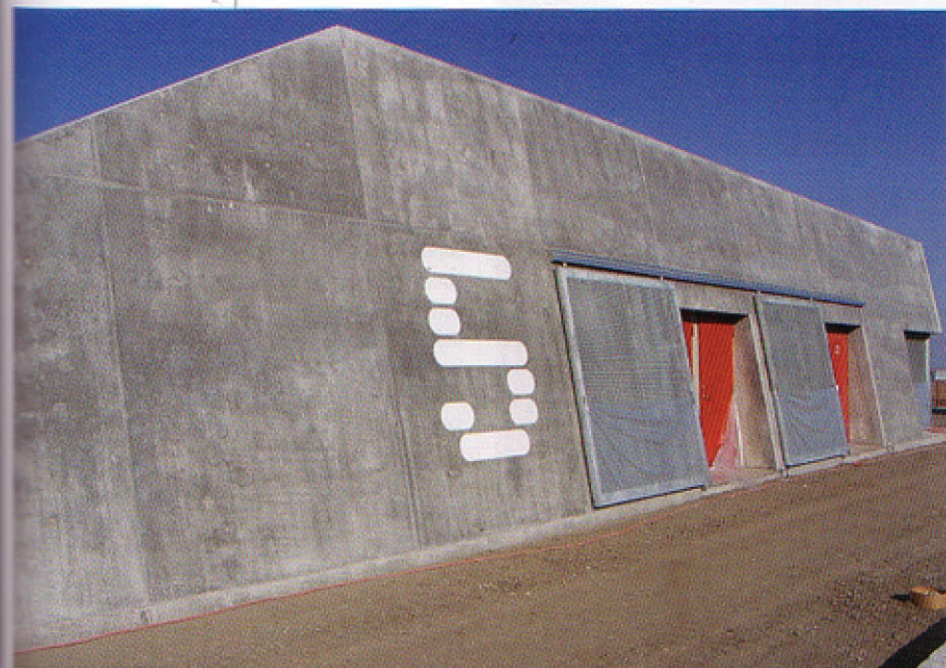
Abu Dhabi

It's the largest, richest and most populous emirate and has the best beaches, nicest coastline and most oil. But, while nearby Dubai has now changed beyond recognition, Abu Dhabi is almost recognisable as the modest fishing port it was when oil was first struck in 1958. That is about to change. Frank Gehry's 30,000 sq m Guggenheim is due to open in 2011. Abu Dhabi now plays host to the area's most impressive luxury goods exhibition, Masters of Excellence. This year, it attracted 80 luxury brands; next year, organisers expect more than 100 to arrive in the emerging capital of a region that already accounts for nearly half of the world's couture market.



Claudio Silvestrin's Aquapura resort

The 4,000 sq m Aquapura hotel, villa and spa complex (pictured below), on a deserted coast in Ceará in Brazil, opens in 2009 and is set to be sustainable in terms of material, construction and usage. Each of the 60 villas and 30 bungalows are suspended over 'bio lakes' reached by wooden walkways, and have their own infinity pool.
www.claudiosilvestrin.com



Copenhagen beaches

City beaches may be a fad, but it was only when the Danish opened Amager Strand in 2005 that the trend had its epiphany. Located 5km from Copenhagen city centre, the beach is 50m deep, with grass dunes, a promenade, a café, paddling pools, beach stations (pictured left) and a harbour for small boats. Add the three metro stations being built close by and you can see why architects are struggling to develop the area fast enough.
www.amager-strand.dk

Faena art district

The latest Faena Group project, and Foster & Partners' first South American project, is the new Faena development in Buenos Aires. The complex, to open in 2012, will incorporate 250 apartments, 100 hotel rooms, a cultural centre and exhibition centre. Located on the banks of Rio de la Plata, in the Puerto Madero neighbourhood of Buenos Aires, it will be opposite the Faena Hotel + Universe (designed by Philippe Starck in 2005).
www.faenagroup.com

Balé Mount Hotham

The fact that Australian snowfields can be patchy even in mid-winter hasn't stopped developers building luxe ski resorts. After the success of Huski (W*85) in Falls Creek, property developer Zacamoco reunited with Melbourne architects Elenberg Fraser to create The Saints, three chic apartment blocks in the Victorian Highlands that will open in 2008. And due to open in 2009 is Balé Mount Hotham, a ski resort development with every luxury possible. Right on the mountain, it will have a bar, restaurant and cafe, and a glass design that's as far from the twee pitched roofs of old as you could imagine.
www.thesaints.au.com, www.bale.com.au

Budapest spas

Spa culture has deep roots in Hungary. Celts were first to enjoy its thermal waters, followed by the Romans, then the Turks, who, during their 16th-century occupation, peppered the city with baths. Now the city has stepped up its offerings. Today, 70 million litres of water from 123 springs supply 30 spas. The latest and most spectacular is the Hotel New York Palace's wellness centre, opened in June and designed by Simone Micheli. Walls of white resin, black slate and mirrors form an ice cavern with an internal waterfall, sauna, aromatic jet showers and a pool with underwater sound boxes.

Grand Hotel Stockholm

It may already be decked out in Gustavian splendour, with unrivalled views over the harbour and Royal Palace, but Stockholm's Grand Hotel got even grander this year. In July, the hotel opened 76 new rooms and suites in the adjacent Burmanska Palace, while an eighth floor penthouse is due to open in October, with a private gym, a sauna and a cinema. The lobby and restaurant are both getting an overhaul soon. The restaurant, being developed under the watchful eye of chef Mathias Dahlgren, will open in early 2007. A new champagne bar is also planned.
www.grandhotel.se