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DS+R'S U.S. OLYMPIC MUSEUM IN COLORADO SPRINGS IS HOPING TO CAUSE A BILBAO EFFECT

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COURTESY DILLER SCOFIDIO + RENFRO

In May, Diller Scofidio + Renfro (DS+R) unveiled initial concept renderings of its design for the United States Olympic Museum in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The 60,000-square-foot facility will join the headquarters of the U.S. Olympic Committee and the U.S. Olympic Training Center, which also call Colorado Springs home, further

cementing the city as a destination for Olympic enthusiasts both foreign and domestic.

The museum will tell the stories of great American Olympians **continued on page 8**

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MATTHEW MILLMAN

SAN FRANCISCO'S BOEDDEKER PARK IS A GREEN REFUGE

PARK REFORM

A few blocks from San Francisco's Financial District and the tech wealth of SOMA is the Tenderloin, the city's densest neighborhood, where the homeless line up for free meals, and many low-income tenants live in windowless rooms. Boeddeker Park,

redesigned by WRNS Studio, serves as a desperately needed escape valve for the neighborhood. The one-acre square of greenery is flanked by SROs, a mission, and a school. Named for a respected pastor, Father Alfred E. Boeddeker, it was known colloquially as "Prison Park" for its maze of fences, which provided cover for drug deals and muggings. Dead bodies were found there and locals were fearful of venturing inside.

As with Bryant Park **continued on page 25**

GENERAL MOTORS REHABS A LONG-OVERLOOKED TOUCHSTONE OF MIDCENTURY DESIGN



COURTESY GENERAL MOTORS

BACK TO THE FUTURE

In the mid-1940s, General Motors (GM) wanted to expand its research and design operations, but needed more space than downtown Detroit could accommodate. Led

by Harley Earl—the first automotive executive to hold the title of Vice President of Design—the company laid out ambitious plans for its new Technical Center, **continued on page 10**

BALTIMORE CONSIDERS REPLACING A BRUTALIST PLAZA WITH A SOFTER LANDSCAPE



COURTESY MAHAN RYKIEL ASSOCIATES

Harbor from a rat-infested cesspool of rotting piers and banana boats to the vibrant tourist, business, and residential district it is today. Fifty years later, local architects and landscape architects are trying to continue this tradition by creating a more welcoming gateway to downtown and continue the revitalization along the waterfront. In the process, they have found themselves caught up in Baltimore's biggest preservation and urban **continued on page 26**

FOUNTAIN OF AGE

In the 1960s, then-Baltimore Mayor Theodore McKeldin launched a visionary effort to transform the city's Inner

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SPECIAL SECTION: DEVELOPERS

AN INVESTIGATES AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN FOUR URBAN AREAS ACROSS AMERICA: NEW YORK CITY; CHICAGO, ILLINOIS; AUSTIN, TEXAS; AND SILICON VALLEY, CALIFORNIA. SEE PAGE 28. ALSO SEE THE WINNERS OF OUR FIRST ANNUAL BEST OF PRODUCTS AWARDS. SEE PAGE 46.

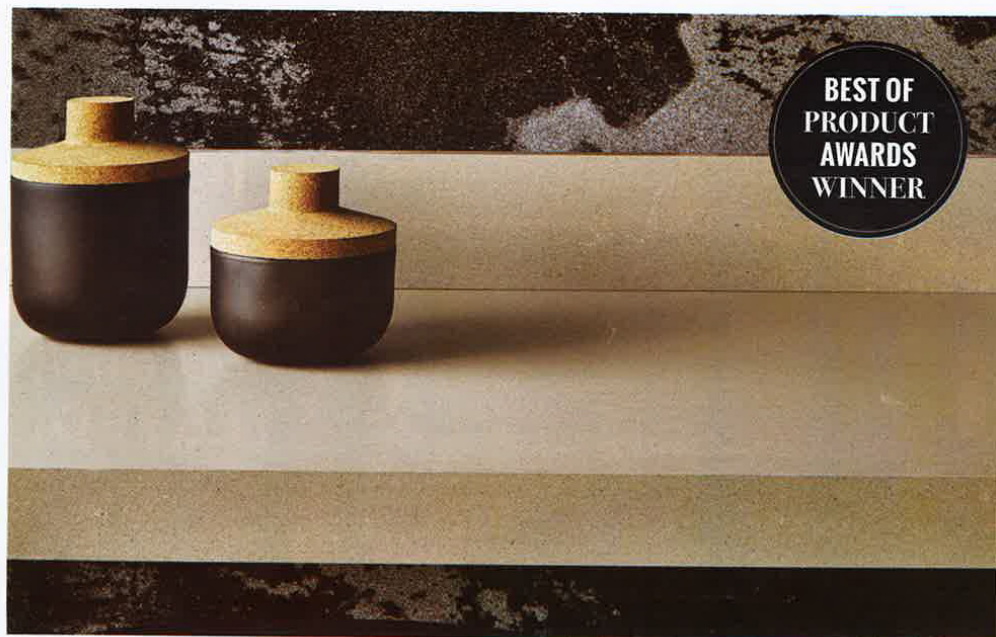


2015 Best of Products Awards

Over the next several pages you will find the results of *The Architect's Newspaper's* first annual Best of Products competition. Nearly 400 submissions were evaluated on the basis of technical innovation and aesthetic merit—a task for which our jurors were more than a match. Thoughtful, curious, and authoritative, their deliberation was marked by insightful and honest discussion and comments. Our thanks to them and to all who entered the competition.

Leslie Clagett,
Products Editor

The Jury
Colin Brice, Mapos
Barry Goralnick, Barry
Goralnick Architects
Harshad Pillai, Fogarty
Finger Architecture
Alison Spear, AIA



WINNER

Raw Concrete 4004 Caesarstone

This surfacing material emulates the raw look and texture of concrete, while providing the durability of quartz. The non-porous slabs are heat-, stain-, and scratch-resistant and require no sealing. Suitable for use as countertops, vanities, flooring, wall paneling, furniture, and more, the 56 1/2-inch by 120-inch panels are available in three colors and in 14 edge treatments.

caesarstoneus.com

**"I like this trend:
the concrete look.
This product makes
it practical and
cost-effective."
—Barry Goralnick**

HONORABLE MENTION

ViviGraphix Spectra Glass with Zoom Images Forms+Surfaces

ViviGraphix Spectra Glass consists of a graphic interlayer laminated between two panes of glass. Zoom Images, a portfolio of nature-themed photography, significantly expands the possibilities for bringing beauty to large-scale glass applications. Created using sophisticated gigapixel image-capturing equipment, Zoom Images are thousands of individual photographs that are stitched together to form a single large-scale, super high-resolution photo. Because of their extraordinary scale, the images are able to retain their clarity at very large sizes. Zoom Images are accessible through Zoom Digital Darkroom, the manufacturer's interactive online design tool.

forms-surfaces.com



HONORABLE MENTION

Gyptone BIG Curve CertainTeed Ceilings

These perforated acoustical gypsum panels can be formed into highly curved ceilings without the cost and time associated with custom fabrication. At only 6.5-mm thick, Gyptone BIG Curve can be dry-bent to a 10-foot radius, and can achieve up to a 5-foot radius by wet bending. The panels are made of 85 percent recycled content and certified for low-VOC emissions, which contributes to sustainable building standards and helps maintain high indoor air quality. Fitted with an acoustical backing tissue, the panels are available in three perforation patterns.

certainteed.com

**Finishes
+
Surfaces**



“This is a smart solution for awkward spaces.”
—Barry Goralnick

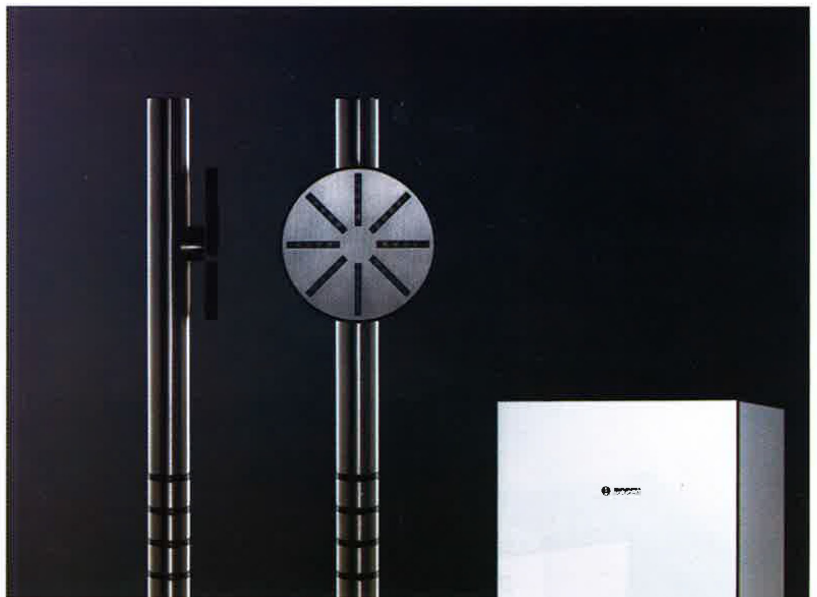


WINNER

Sottile 18-Inch-Deep Refrigerator
Perlick Residential

Standard undercounter refrigerators and beverage centers are 24 inches deep. Measuring just 18 inches deep and 32 inches tall, this undercounter appliance brings refrigerated storage to the slimmest of spaces. Featuring the proprietary front-vented RAPIDcool forced-air system, the fridge chills room-temperature liquids in just 30 minutes. Full-extension pullout shelves are adjustable in one-inch increments. Available with solid stainless steel doors, glass fronts, or fully integrated overlay panels. NSF rated and ADA compliant.

perlick.com



HONORABLE MENTION

VOLA Round Series Hand Shower
Hastings Tile & Bath

The Round Series hand shower takes the core elements of the VOLA design language—the circle and the cylinder—as the starting point to create an entirely new product. Subtle polymer details on the handle help users keep a grip on the fitting. Available in polished chrome, brushed chrome, natural brass, brushed stainless, and a range of colors. Designed by Aarhus Arkitekterne.

hastingstilebath.com

HONORABLE MENTION

P3 Comforts
Duravit

The P3 Comforts suite of bathroom fixtures uses a design language of simple geometry and subtle shifts in planes to create an aesthetically calming experience. The washbasin features a raised tap platform, separate from the wet area, making a generous shelf surface for bathroom essentials. The shower tray has an easy clean outlet that is seamlessly integrated into the raised base, emphasizing its pristine lines. The tray was created with a new material, DuraSolid, which provides Class B slip-resistance without additional coating. Designed by Phoenix Design.

duravit.us

HONORABLE MENTION

24-Inch Glass Door Refrigerator
Bosch

With doors finished in white glass, black glass, or glass on stainless steel, this counter-depth refrigerator brings a sleek look to a small kitchen or ancillary space. The appliance's appearance is enhanced by its handle-less design and concealed hinges. The doors are reversible, allowing for next-to-wall placement and near-flush installation. The 10-cubic-foot capacity includes three freezer drawers, a wine rack, and a sealed crisper, all lit with LEDs. Energy Star qualified.

bosch-home.com