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Charles Hostler Student Recreation Center,

American University of Beirut

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Architecture Minnesota Travels Around the World

Minneapolis, Minnesota - *Architecture Minnesota*, the bimonthly magazine of the American Institute of Architects Minnesota (AIA Minnesota), focuses its November/December issue exploring abroad including four amazing projects around the world by Minnesota architects. Featured is the distinctively modern, eco-friendly Hostler Center at the American University of Beirut along with a gleaming new cancer in South Korea that embraces technology, landscape, and a family-oriented culture. In Colombo, Sri Lanka, the self-sustaining Embassy Medical Center will be *the* next model for sustainable medical centers around the world. And focusing a little closer to home, Epic Systems Corporation's Learning Center Campus in Verona, Wisconsin, includes cutting edge technology and a Peter Pan inspired tree house for a twist.

Taking a trip to Paris, photographer Pete Sieger, AIA, captures the architectural richness of the most beautiful cities in the world. As a season architect, his responses to building and public spaces ancient and new, trace his own poetic meanders through this magnificent place.

Featured is also AIA Minnesota's Gold Medal recipient, David Salmela, FAIA. Receiving the highest honor bestowed on a Minnesota architect, David explains how he got to the prime of his career and shares his inspiring experiences.

Culture Crawl features a quick museum roundup of the Art Institute of Chicago, the Des Moines Art Center and the Milwaukee Art Museum. *Studio* gives you a taste of the loft-like studio of U+B Architecture & Design. In *Material Matters* Blaine Brownell's *Transmaterial* catalog is highlighted with the latest in cutting-edge building materials. The work of Eliel Saarinen, I.M. Pei, and Richard Meier with the Des Moines Art Center is demystified in *Why it Works*. *Citizen Architect* brings the work of Architecture for Humanity to the forefront. In *Wayfarer* architect Mary Shaffer, AIA shares her experiences on her trip to India, remembering the awe-inspiring Taj Mahal. Photographer George Heinrich closes our travel issue with an image of an art exhibition on the immigrant experience in *Place*.

Architecture Minnesota November/December issue provides readers with a Directory of General Contractors.

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