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Director and of the Assignment Manager

## **Four Canadian projects are chosen for the finals of the World Architecture Festival in Barcelona**

*Montreal, August 7, 2008* – Four Canadian projects have been chosen among the 224 finalists unveiled by the jury of the World Architecture Festival (WAF), a world-class event that will be held from October 22 to 24, 2008, in Barcelona. These projects have been retained among more than 700 architectural projects presented by 63 countries.

**The selected Canadian projects are :**

**Quai des Cageux - Promenade Samuel-De Champlain**, a project carried out in Quebec City, including an access to St-Laurent River, as well as a panoramic tower, a realization of **Daoust Lestage inc. architecture design urbain**, finalist in the Holidays category.

**You You International**, a multifunction complex erected in Shanghai, China, by **B+H Architects**, finalist in the Home & Housing category.

**Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre**, a interior-exterior cultural centre built in Osoyoos, British-Columbia, by **Hotson Bakker Boniface Haden Architects**, finalist in the Holiday category.

**Pictou Landing Health Center**, a health centre built in Trenton, Nova Scotia, by **PDI - Piskwepaq Design Inc.**, finalist in the Health category.

The complete [list of finalists](#) detailing all categories, is available on the Festival Website.

During the Festival, the finalists' masterpieces, divided into 16 categories, will be officially presented before the public and the WAF jury. The winners of each category will then have to defend their project in front of a «super jury» in order to win the prize crowning the Festival, *The World Building of the Year 2008*. Chaired by Lord Norman Foster, the jury is composed of internationally renowned architects, among which Richard Meier and Zaha Hadid, of specialized critics, of clients and of associates originating from the five continents. This event benefits from an exceptional press coverage, through partnerships developed with the specialized media from more than 23 countries.

**To take part in this unique event**

Individuals interested in taking part in this event in Barcelona may obtain [passes](#) for the World Architecture Festival on the WAF Website.

Moreover, a Canadian delegation will be in Barcelona for the occasion. In order to ease your stay and benefit from the several advantages offered to the delegates, you are invited to join us! Read the delegation [technical sheet](#) for more information.

To get more information about the numerous conferences and activities, please refer to the World Architecture Festival [official program](#).

**To be kept posted about the World Architecture Festival**

To remain well-informed about the WAF, [register](#) yourself to the mailing list showing on the event Website.

**A world-wide festival not to be missed!**

Being only at its first year of existence, the World Architecture Festival is already the most important event aiming at recognizing the quality and excellence in the field of architecture. Created for the architecture professionals of the world and for their various partners, the WAF proposes several activities, notably an exhibition on the theme of the City, Housing and Sustainable development, a full conference program featuring many renowned architecture and environment specialists, a competition against several architecture schools in the scope of a student charrette organized by the City of Barcelona, a showroom of innovative products, various guided city tours, and many other networking activities. For more information, please do not hesitate to visit their Website at [www.worldarchitecturefestival.com](http://www.worldarchitecturefestival.com).

The World Architecture Festival was initiated by [EMAP](#) Communications, a London-based media group, that organizes, among other events, the International Advertising Festival – The Cannes Lions.

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