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Luxembourg: Where American Artists and Architects Push the Boundaries

Luxembourg City has become an "aesthetic laboratory" where some of America's most prominent artists and architects have pushed the boundaries of their creative vision. Inspired by the country's natural beauty and active engagement with the arts, architects and artists including Arquitectonica, Gottfried Böhm, Lasdun & Co, Richard Meier, I.M Pei, Roger Taillibert, Christian De Portzamparc, Jeannot Bewing, Bertrand Ney, Frank Stella, Richard Serra, Giovanni Teconi, Jean-Michel Wilmotte, Jean Dubuffet and Lucien Wercoller have used Luxembourg City as a platform for some of their most challenging works. The aesthetics of Luxembourg's traditional landscape meld with the edge of creativity, producing an unique environment in Europe, and in the world.

Frank Stella – "Sarreguemines 1993"

The cigar-smoking artist took as his inspiration for "Sarreguemines", the intertwined paths of floating smoke- rings, which are reflected in the dynamic spiraling form of the sculpture.
On a broad plaza of HypoVereinsbank Luxembourg,"Sarreguemines", a U-shape of circles and rectangles, embedded in the irregular paving of the forecourt, a fissured steel sculpture by Frank Stella counteracts the strict geometry of the building.

Richard Serra – "Exchange 1996"

Detached from traditional ties, linking sculpture and the building in contextual dependence, "Exchange" combines self-sufficiency and strength, like a campanile of the modern age, at the center of the roundabout, to speak its very own language.
Visible from afar, the 20 meter-high construction of seven massive Cor-Ten steel plates bestows a significant status upon its location on a bustling motorway, and stands as a distinct landmark of the entrance to the City.

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Ioh Ming Pei -"Museum of Modern Art, 2006"

The Museum of Modern Art Grand Duke Jean (MUDAM), designed by architect Ioh Ming Pei, is located at the edge of Luxembourg's historic center, on the ground of the eighteenth century Fort Thungen.
The building has historical elements which blend with contemporary architecture.

The Museum opened its doors in July 2006. It is not only a place of conservation and exhibitions; it also provides an opportunity for the world of art and culture to expand. Artistic exchange is placed in the foreground while the public learns about the specific aspects of contemporary and avant-garde art.

Richard Meier - "HypoVereinsbank, 1993"

HypoVereinsbank Luxembourg was built in 1993 according to plans created by the American architect Richard Meier. Meier has caused notice with the white-walled buildings, which have become a worldwide trademark of his architecture. Surrounded by a water filled "moat" and approached by a gently inclined ramp, this tower-like component recalls the numerous fortifications that are among Luxembourg's oldest, most characteristic features.

Arquitectonica -"Banque de Luxembourg, 1994"

Banque de Luxembourg selected Arquitectonica (Miami, FL) to redesign its headquarters in the 1990's with an ambitious glass front and impressive exhibition rooms.Blending with the urban landscape, the building gives the impression of space, at the heart of which is a courtyard, a green and intimate open space.

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Designed by the architect Harold Sterner in 1929 for the former Secretary of Defense, Mr. James Forrestal, 17 Beekman Place was home to the great American composer Irving Berlin and his family from 1947 until his death in 1989 at the age of 101. In 1990, the five-story town house was acquired by the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and subsequently renovated to house the Permanent Mission of Luxembourg to the United Nations, the Consulate General of Luxembourg, the Luxembourg Board of Economic Development and the Luxembourg Tourist Office.