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## publisher's note 编者的话

Throughout history most human dwellings placed function over form because providing shelter from the elements was for centuries mankind's greatest concern. Societies have now developed past the point of merely providing for our basic needs, and recent technological advances have allowed engineers to push the limits of structural possibility. In recent times it seems that form has become the priority in designing our cities' newest buildings. Form can still celebrate a building's intended function but more often than not the form a building takes in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century owes more the developer's vision of self, their desire to project affluence, or strength; the possibilities are now limited only by the designer's imagination, as well as a few structural concerns that still keep flights of fancy grounded in engineering reality. As we head to Singapore to participate in this month's Cityscape Asia event, where we will be surrounded by some of the most amazing new visions projected to forever change the skylines of the world, we thought that we would share with our readers some of the more interesting architectural forms to have recently hit the headlines, and to invite you to celebrate what promises to be a century guided not only by function and form but one that represents inspiration without limitation.

自古以来，人类只着重于住屋的功能上要求多于其建筑设计。随着社会的发展，我们对住屋不仅是满足「有瓦遮头」的基本目标，先进的科技更将各项建筑结构限制推至最小，城中最新建筑均以外型设计为首要的关注事项。21世纪的建筑经已做到优美的外观及预期的功能，亦能兼顾发展商的愿景，项目的盈利潜能和比较优势等等。所谓的「限制」— 只存在于设计师的想像力，以及部份工程结构上的实质局限。我们对住宅的未来发展充满憧憬，今期我们特别走访新加坡，亲身参与建筑界盛典Cityscape Asia展览会，这里有很多设计新颖兼具未来视野的室内及建筑设计项目，一一呈献给各位参观者眼前。未来世界，尽在于此！

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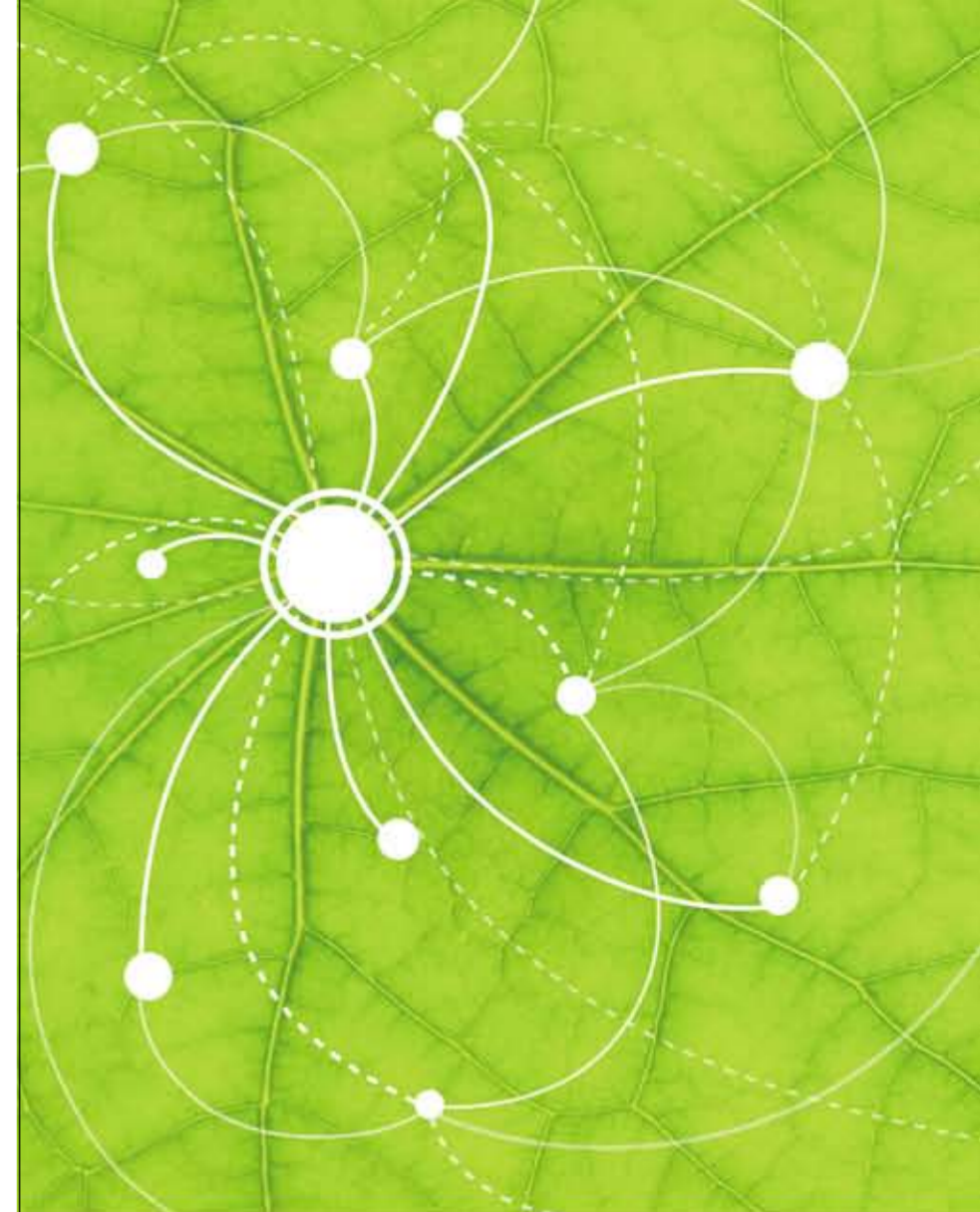
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