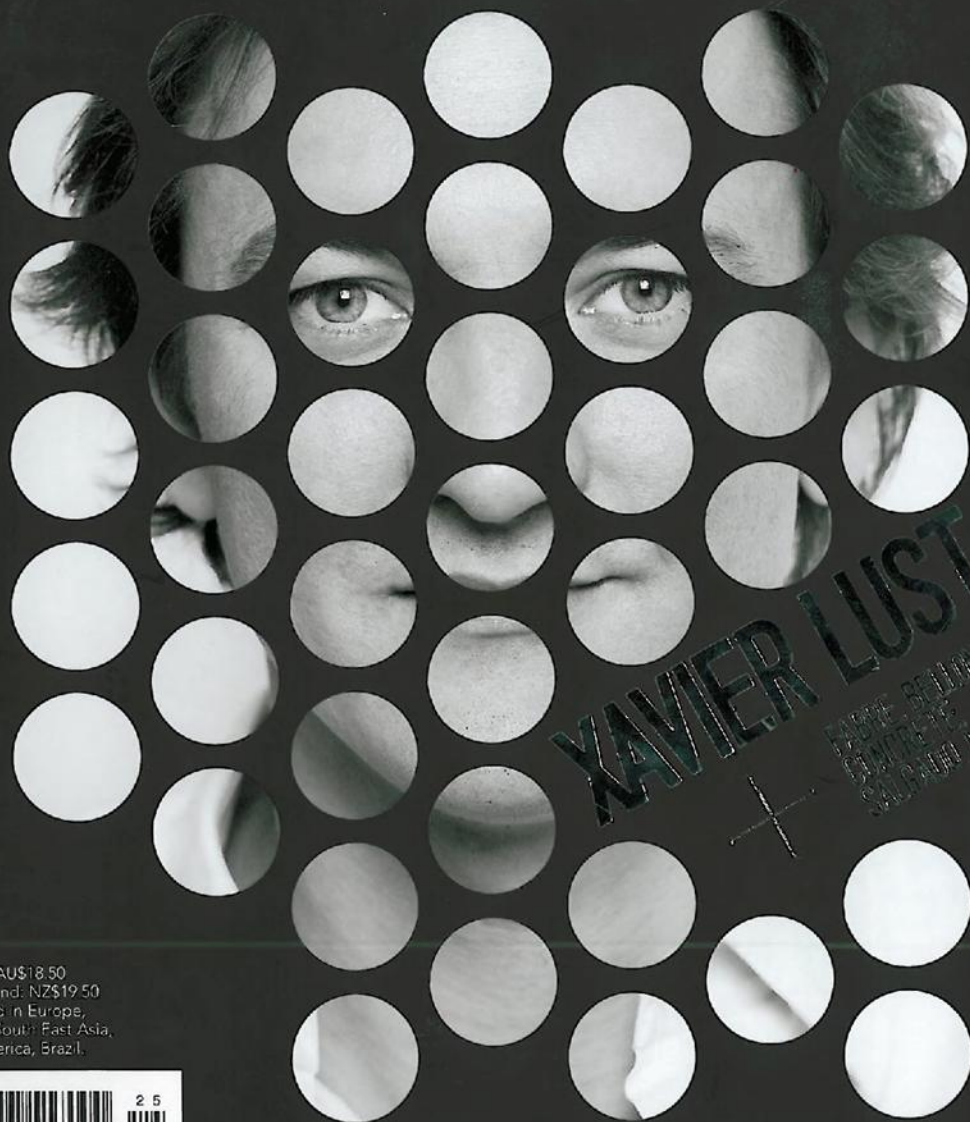


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PICTURED Holmenkollen Ski Jump, Oslo, Norway. Winning competition entry from JDS, Julian de Smidt Architects, Copenhagen. De Smidt plans a "milky-white sharp profile", dressed in glass, lit from within and extended by a light beam into the sky. Completion 2010. The Holmenkollen Ski Jump is Norway's biggest tourist attraction, with more than one million visitors annually.

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A WINDOW INTO THE ARCHITECTURE OF TOMORROW

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LEFT Julien de Smedt. ABOVE SJC, commissioned 1111m and 666m towers, plus a shopping centre in Shenzhen, China, covering 5.1 million square metres (ongoing). JDS sees this urban intervention as a "tool for reforestation". The green space created "re-inserts the mountain experience" with paths winding up and down. The holes create energy with wind turbines. JDS plans "a self-sustainable vertical city". TOP The light beam at the top of the Holmankollen Ski Jump. LEFT THIS PAGE Park condominium towers. A research project and proposal for the city of Chicago to bring parks inside towers, "re-enacting the suburban ideal of the single family house flanked by its garden into the very core of our densest centres". FAR LEFT Silo proposal for 900 apartments, a museum and public space in Montreal.



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On January 1, 2006, after exactly five years, the wildly imaginative design force that was PLOT split into two: JDS and BIG, the latter being Bjarke Ingels Group. Located in Copenhagen, JDS counts 30 people. The approach "aims at turning intense research and analysis of practical as well as theoretical issues into the driving forces of design" and promises that their projects "will never suffer from being too conventional nor too naive."