

THE MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATIONS

A walk through Lebanon's History

24 March - 24 April 2015

Opening Tuesday 24 March 2015, 6 - 9 pm



Visuel 3D - Museum of Civilizations
3D architectural rendering, 2014. Courtesy GM Architects

GM Architects will present the Museum of Civilizations's exhibition at Metropolitan Art Society Gallery, Beirut, from 24 March to 24 April.

Since its unveiling in the Venice Biennale of Architecture in 2014, this project has attracted a number of proposals from backers for a potential creation.

Today, GM Architects wants to present this utopic project to Lebanese people, half-way between an archeological site and an exhibition space.

Through this project, the founder Galal Mahmoud aims to express Lebanon's rich history, showcasing the genetic make-up of a profoundly multicultural country.

"Our 'Museum of Civilizations' project is sited on Martyrs' Square in the heart of Beirut, and built upon a site sunk deep into the successive strata of the civilizations that underlie Beirut, a city which has been, in turn, Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Ottoman, and French". Galal Mahmoud

This museum offers a chance to consider what lies at the very heart of the architect's work, the ability to grasp the historical foundations of a people and to facilitate the creation of a harmonious and ordered society through architectural discourse.

This project is the winner of the Cultural Regeneration category of the 2015 Architectural Review MIPIM Future Projects Awards. The ceremony took place in Cannes on Wednesday, 11 March.

Metropolitan Art Society
Trabaud Street, Ashrafieh
Beirut, Lebanon

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GALAL MAHMOUD ARCHITECTS

AN APPROACH CENTERED AROUND "CONTEXTUAL IMMERSION"

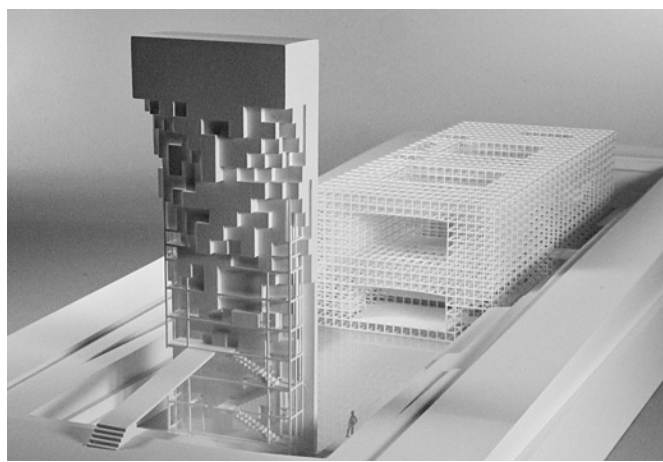
GM Architects specializes in the field of high-end tourism, notably in the creation of luxury hotels and resorts. It is one of the largest such firms in Lebanon, its projects can be seen in France, Northern Africa, the Middle East and throughout the Mediterranean region.

The practice employs 40 professionals including architects and interior designers and is managed by architect Galal Mahmoud and partners Randa Chahine, Anwar Hajj and Elie Waked.

Contextual immersion lies at the heart of GM Architects' way of thinking. Galal Mahmoud submerges himself in the geographical, historical and cultural environment of each project. He makes these contextual components his own, reworking them in a way that is relevant to and easily comprehensible by contemporary society, but also respectful of the identity and culture of the location in question.



View of Metropolitan Art Society Gallery - Courtesy Metropolitan Art Society



Museum of Civilizations - Courtesy GM Architects

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