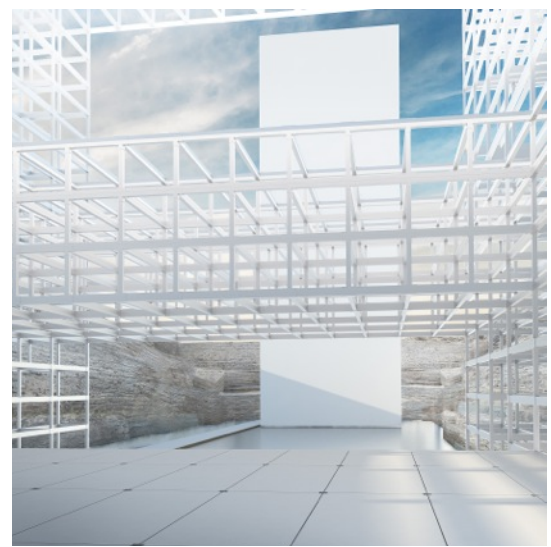
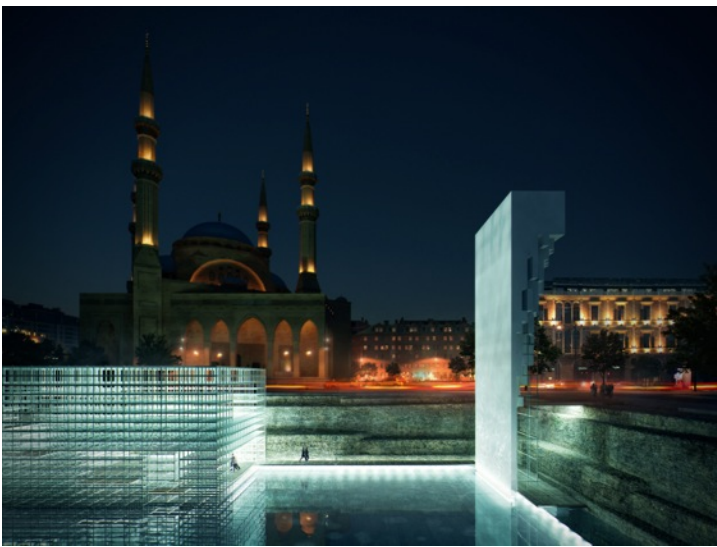


## The “Museum of Civilizations” presented by GM Architects, winner of the Cultural Regeneration category of the 2015 Architectural Review MIPIM Future Projects Awards



Visual available for the use of the press. The 'Museum of Civilizations'  
3D architectural rendering, 2014. Courtesy GM Architects

**GM Architects** is pleased to announce that its project “**Museum of Civilizations**” 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, March 11th.

For its 26th edition, **MIPIM**, the world's leading property fair, has brought together the most influential players internationally across all property sectors, offering unrivalled access to the greatest number of development projects and sources of capital worldwide.

‘The Museum of Civilizations’, awarded in the *Cultural Regeneration* category, is envisioned as half-way between a museum and an archaeological dig as it would cut underground through layers of rock to expose the different periods in the city's geological heritage, whilst also exploring its political history; Byzantine, Roman, French etc. contemplating the multicultural origins of Lebanese identity.

Since its unveiling at the 14th International Biennale of Architecture in Venice, this utopian museum has attracted a number of proposals from potential backers.

*Founded in 1996 by French-Lebanese architect Galal Mahmoud, **GM Architects** employs 40 professionals including architects and interior designers with offices in Beirut and Abu Dhabi. Its partners include Randa Chahine, Anwar Hajj and Elie Waked. The firm's completed projects can be seen in France, Northern Africa, the Middle East and throughout the Mediterranean region.*