

water recycling, electric bikes and driverless cars and renewable energy generators.

Samoo Architects & Engineers has revealed its design for the National Research Center for Endangered Species in Yeongyang-gun, South Korea. The research complex aims to co-exist with the surrounding environment, one of the cleanest in the country.

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

Haworth, the U.S. office systems manufacturer, has acquired a majority stake in the Poltrona Frau Group (whose brands include Alias, Cassina and Cappellini) in a \$270-million deal.

Rug manufacturer Danskina appointed Dutch designer **Hella Jongerius** as its design director.

After Marianne Goebel's resignation in February, Design Miami named its new executive director, **Rodman Primack**, one-time chairman of the Phillips (formerly Phillips de Pury) auction house in London.

Odile Decq announced the launch of the Confluence Institute for Innovation and Creative Strategies in Architecture, in Lyons, France. It will bring together architects with philosophers, critics, scientists and other thinkers in a non-hierarchical program.

IN THE HOT SEAT

Frank Gehry has attracted controversy yet again for his memorial for President Dwight D. Eisenhower, planned for just south of the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Eisenhower's descendants are not fans, and critics have compared the monument to "an incomplete highway overpass." In February, just months after the overall design was approved, the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, an independent government agency, asked for further revisions.

At the reopening of the London Aquatics Centre, now a public building, architect **Zaha Hadid** faced criticism about the conditions of construction workers in Qatar, where her 40,000-seat Al Wakrah stadium is going up. The emirate is hosting the 2022 FIFA World Cup, and the *Guardian* recently reported that more than 800 workers have died on job sites related to the event. According to online magazine *Dezeen*, Hadid said, "I think that's an issue the government - if there's a problem - should pick up. Hopefully, these things will be resolved."

ON THE BOARDS

Zaha Hadid's firm was also among those shortlisted to rebuild Joseph Paxton's Crystal Palace exhibition space in London, along with **Richard Rogers** and **David Chipperfield**, as well as local studios **Grimshaw**, **Haworth Tompkins** and **Marks Barfield Architects**.

Mecanoo Architecten and **Martinez + Johnson Architecture** have won an international competition to refurbish the interiors of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library in Washington, D.C., designed in 1972 by Mies van der Rohe. The revamp aims to carve out a library of the future that reflects MLK's ideals.

Norman Foster has unveiled the plans for his timber-framed Maggie's Centre in Manchester, U.K., which follows in the tradition of past centres, providing various supports for cancer patients and their loved ones. The project will house a greenhouse, an oversized kitchen table and a glass-encased gathering space.

IN MEMORIAM

Piero Ambrogio Busnelli, entrepreneur, Italian design ambassador and founder of B&B Italia, died in January at 87. Renowned for encouraging architects to design furniture, he introduced the world to the likes of Gaetano Pesce, Michele De Lucchi and Antonio Citterio.

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