# TANGENT

Brand Redesign Process

#### **DELIVERABLES**

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2. EDITORIAL ITERATION 1

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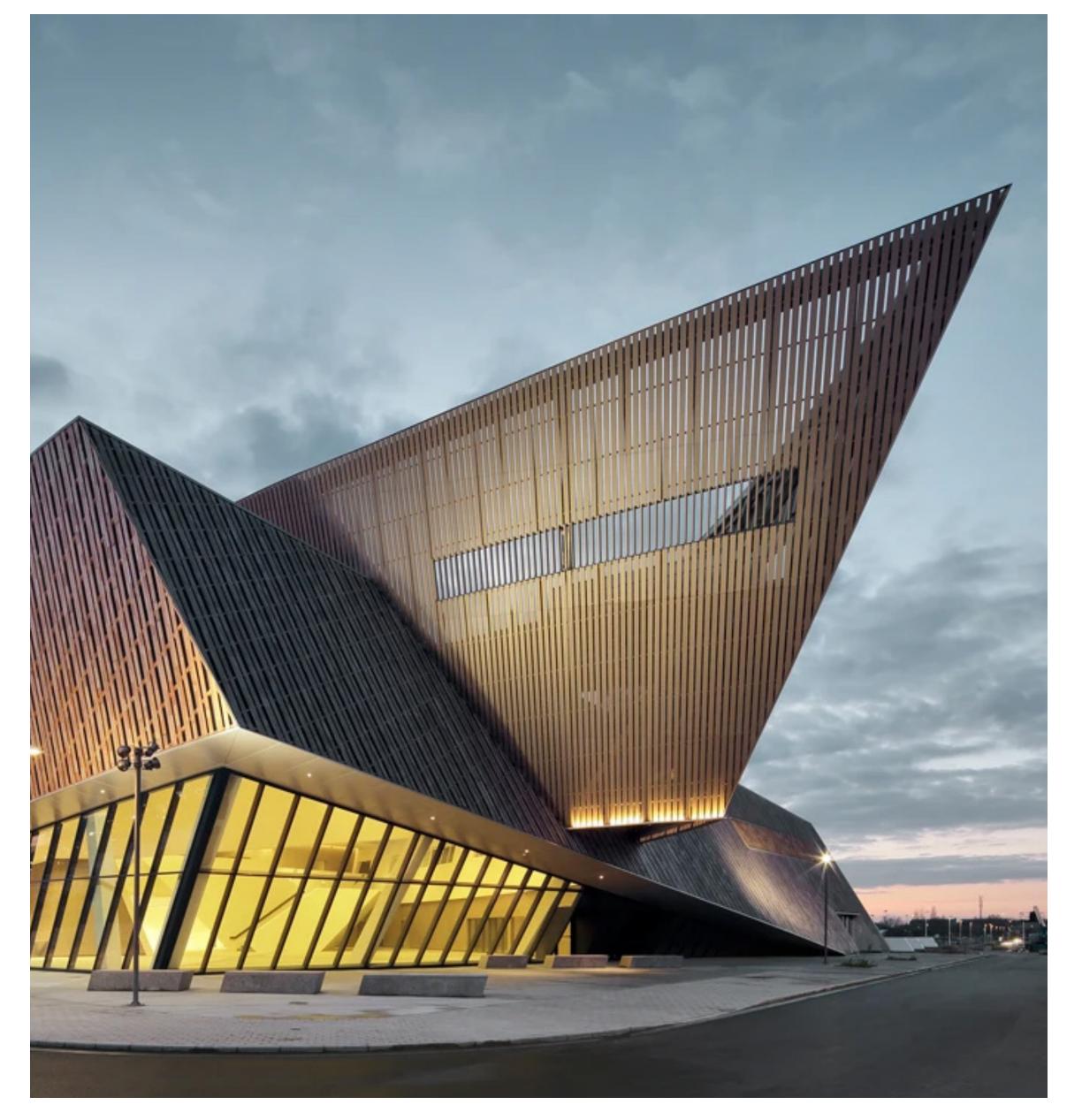
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Tangent is a monthly print magazine that reimagines architectural publishing through bold editorial design and geometric storytelling. Focused on contemporary architecture, Tangent pairs striking layouts with critical essays, exploring the form, function, and visual tension behind the built environment. The debut issue features Daniel Libeskind, Rem Koolhaas, and I.M. Pei—three architects known for their angular, sculptural approach to space and structure. With asymmetric grids, high-contrast type, and archive-sourced imagery, Tangent transforms the magazine format into an immersive design object.

Through a refined visual system and tactile print treatments, Tangent turns architecture into an experience on paper—featuring sharply angled paragraph blocks, structural photography, and subtle layout shifts that echo the physicality of its subject. The brand voice is smart, analytical, and design-forward, crafted for an audience of architects, designers, and visual thinkers who crave depth, clarity, and concept. With the tagline "Geometry in Motion," Tangent offers not just architecture in print—but architecture as print.





#### **BRAND POSITIONING**

#### **PURPOSE**

Tangent is a monthly print magazine dedicated to exploring contemporary architecture through a visual and editorial lens. It fills a gap in architectural publishing by offering a curated, tactile, and design-forward experience that connects readers to the built environment and the ideas behind it.

#### **VISION**

Tangent is more than a magazine—it's a spatial experience in print. Each issue showcases the work of visionary architects and explores how geometry, space, and structure shape human perception. Through bold layouts, rich imagery, and in-depth editorial, Tangent transforms architecture into a narrative medium.

#### **AUDIENCE**

Tangent is created for architects, designers, students, and visual culture enthusiasts who seek inspiration beyond traditional industry publications. The magazine appeals to those who appreciate form, storytelling, and design as a way to understand the world around them.

#### **DIFFERENCES**

Unlike conventional architecture magazines,
Tangent focuses on visual storytelling and editorial
design as central tools. With asymmetric layouts,
typographic rhythm, and high-concept features, it
offers a bold, print-first experience that treats each
issue like a design object.

#### **VALUES**

#### Curation

Carefully selected architectural content and voices

#### Form

Celebrating structure, geometry, and spatial clarity

#### **Editorial Depth**

Merging design with critical thinking

#### Craft

Printed with care, using tactile and highquality materials

#### **PERSONA**

The Creator archetype best defines
Tangent—innovative, expressive, and
committed to making meaningful, wellcrafted work. It invites readers to see
architecture not only as function, but as
narrative, texture, and art.

#### **VOICE**

#### **Character/Persona**

Intellectual Graphic Analytical

#### Tone

Confident Editorial Elevated

#### Language

Precise Bold Minimal

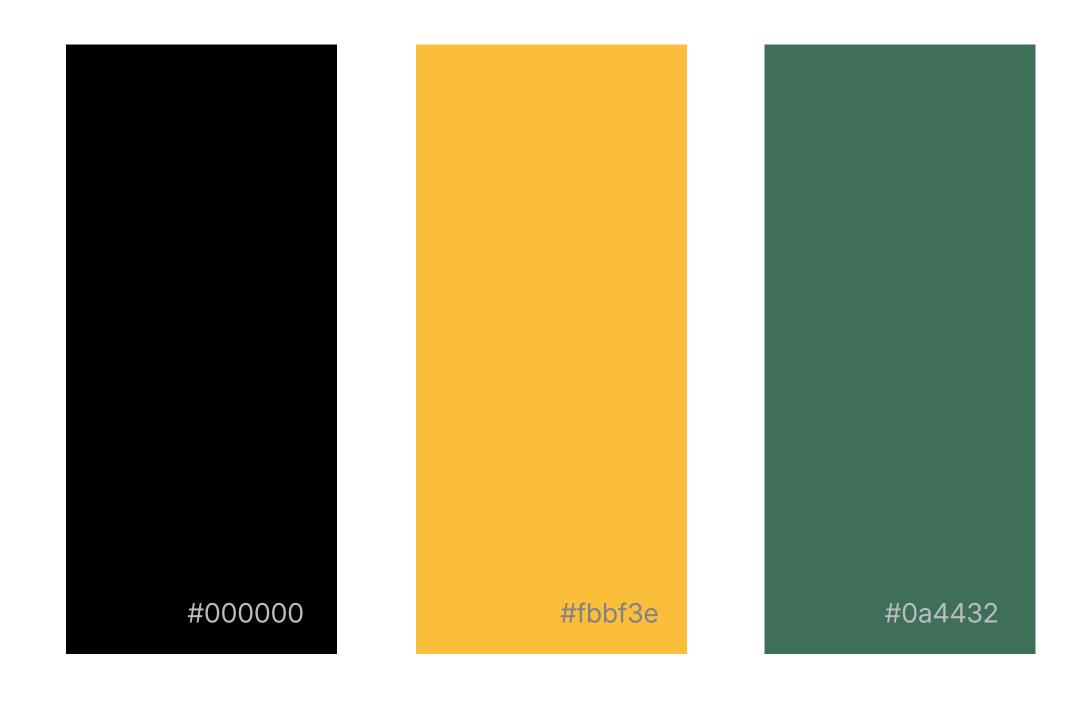
#### **Purpose**

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**SECONDARY TYPEFACE** 

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Contemporary Architecture through the Vision of Daniel Libeskind, Rem Koolhaas, I.M. Pei, and Tatiana Bilbao.





### **Daniel Libeskind**

The Architecture of Memories

Polish-American Architect, Artist, Professor Co-Founder of Studio Libeskind

Daniel Libeskind is one of the most influential contemporary architects, known for merging bold, geometric design with powerful emotional and historical storytelling. Born in 1946 in post-war Poland to Holocaust survivors, his life experiences deeply inform his work—transforming architecture into a vessel for remembrance, meaning, and resilience.

"Architecture is not a silent object. It speaks, it remembers, it mourns. A building is not

just a structure but a story frozen in space."

From Musical Prodigy to Storyteller of Space
Before his first building, Libeskind's world was sound. As a gifted
young musician, he studied piano and accordion with the intensity
of a performer. After immigrating to the U.S. in 1959, he pursued
music seriously—until architecture stole his heart. This musical
foundation continues to influence his design philosophy: each
building is composed like a piece of music—layered, emotional,
and structured to move its audience. He studied at the Cooper
Union in New York and later at the School of Comparative Studies
at Essex University in England. Rather than learning just how to
construct buildings, he immersed himself in philosophy, art theory,
and cultural history. These ideas would become the DNA of his
work—designs that do more than function, they feel.

The Jewish Museum and the Art of Designing Absence
Nowhere is Libeskind's vision more hauntingly clear than in the
Jewish Museum in Berlin. Its jagged facade, windowless voids,
and intentionally disjointed interior don't just house history—they
become it. The structure physically embodies absence and silence,
inviting visitors to confront the trauma of the Holocaust not through
exhibits alone, but through spatial experience.

Similarly, his master plan for the World Trade Center site in New York integrates light, void, and memory—ensuring that the space where tragedy once occurred is never reduced to real estate. His design makes space sacred.

"The site could not just be rebuilt. It had to be remembered.

rchitecture as Emotional Intelligence

Daniel Libeskind's architecture refuses to remain passive. His buildings aren't simply places to inhabit—they are places to feel. His
forms are rarely symmetrical, his materials often raw, and his use of
space deliberately uncomfortable. That's because Libeskind is less
interested in aesthetics and more focused on atmosphere—how a
building might hold grief, offer silence, or reflect a nation's scars.
He once said that "architecture is a communicative art"—and indeed,
his structures communicate loudly, whether through the slashing
voids of the Jewish Museum, the spiraling tension of the Imperial
War Museum North in Manchester, or the fragmented planes of the
Felix Nussbaum Haus in Osnabrück. His works demand interaction.

"I don't believe in architecture that is merely functional. Function is the beginning—but never the end."

and should—take a stand. He often designs against forgettin using architecture to resist erasure, to mark what has been los fhrough light, absence, materiality, and geometry, he crafts not just structures, but experiences. In doing so, he has redefined what means to build in the 21st century: not as an act of creating spac out of giving memory a home.



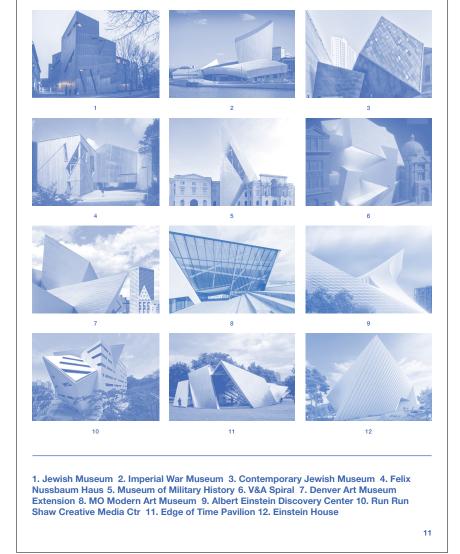
Daniel Libeskind's work transforms architecture into an emotional language—where sharp forms, voids, and light express memory, loss, and resilience. Each building tells a story.

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**2**A Print Editorial

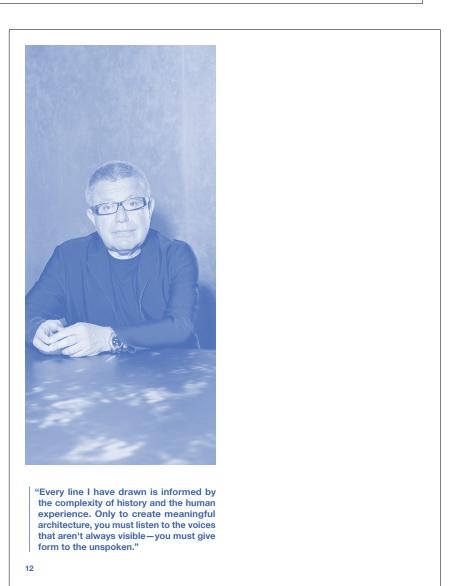
#### As we trace the lines of Daniel Libeskind's careerthrough war museums, cultural institutions, public memorials, and soaring towers as we begin to see a pattern not of repetition, but of just intention. His buildings are not quiet; they do not conform. Instead they rupture, shift, slice, and fracture—mirroring the historical wounds they seek to acknowledge. Every edge and every void is purposeful, a gesture toward something that can't be said but must be felt. Libeskind's architectural vocabulary is one of disruption, yet within it, there is healing. He builds with light and absence, using sharp lines to guide us toward uncomfortable truths and shared memories. His work invites us to inhabit stories—not the glossy narratives of progress or beauty, but the complex, often painful stories of identity, memory, and survival. memory, and survival. This small collection of twelve works is only a glimpse into his vast and varied portfolio, but even here, the through-line is evident. Whether designing in Europe, North America, or Asia, Libeskind does not transplant his vision—he responds. Each building emerges from its context: from the trauma embedded in Berlin's soil, to the symbolic rebirth required in Lower Manhattan. He listens to the place, the people, and the past. What makes his work so distinct is that it resists closure. A Libeskind building is never just a final product—it's a process, a question, a provocation. It invites interpretation, often demands discomfort, and always holds space for reflection. And in doing so, it elevates architecture beyond the physical—into something profoundly human. "There is no architecture without memory. Without memory, you're just putting up empty walled bricks." A Closing Reflection on Libeskind's Work

**Echoes Through Space Selected Works** 









#### In Conversation with Daniel Libeskind

A fictional interview based on the architect's philosophy, writings, and public talks.

#### Q: Your work often engages with difficult histories— Q: How do you begin a new project? What's your trauma, memory, and loss. Why is that important to you as an architect? creative process like? It always begins with a story

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Q: Do you feel your identity as a European-born.

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influence your approach to architecture?

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#### Q: What was the emotional weight of designing the World Trade Center master plan?

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#### Q: Do you believe architecture can heal?

#### Q: Many of your buildings use sharp angles, fractured forms, and unconventional paths. What draws you to those design languages?

It always begins with a story. I try to understand the site, its peo-ple, its past. Sometimes it's a sketch, sometimes it's a sentence that strikes me. I don't design for a generic audience—I design for the specific weight a place holds. Architecture is storytelling with stone and steel.

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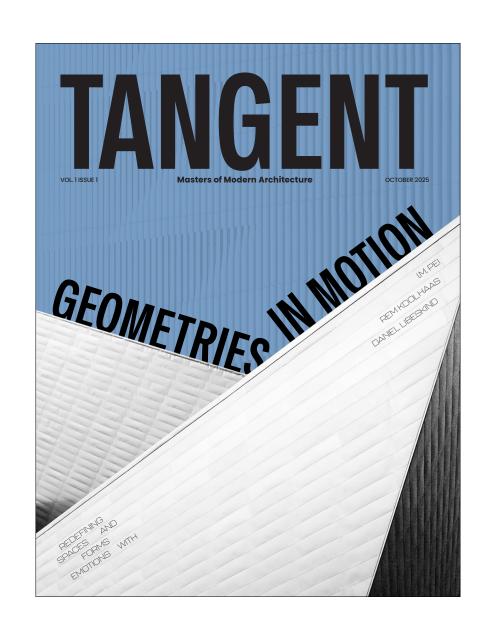
I hope they feel something real. It doesn't have to be comfort. It could be reflection, tension, inspiration—even discomfort. But if they leave unchanged, then I haven't done my job. Architecture should be transformative, not just functional.

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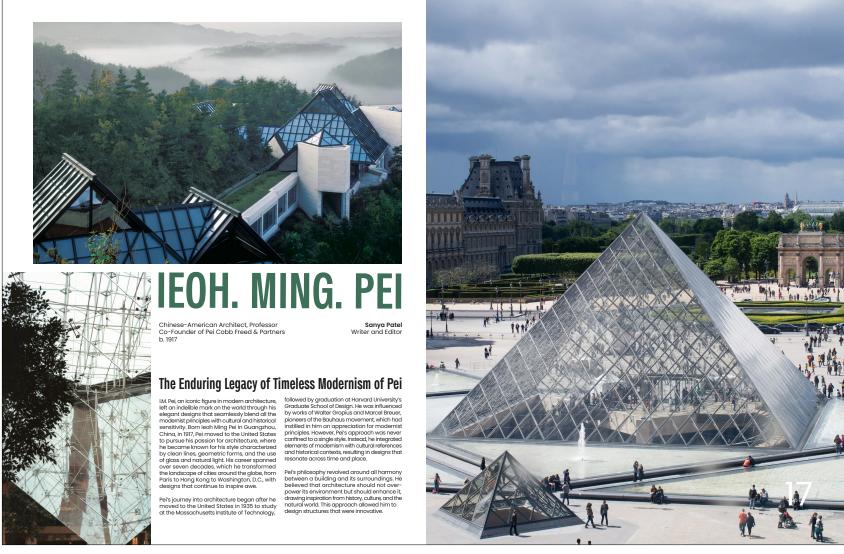




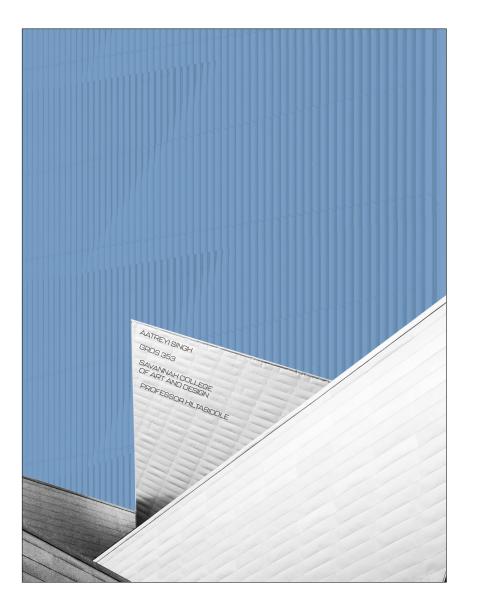




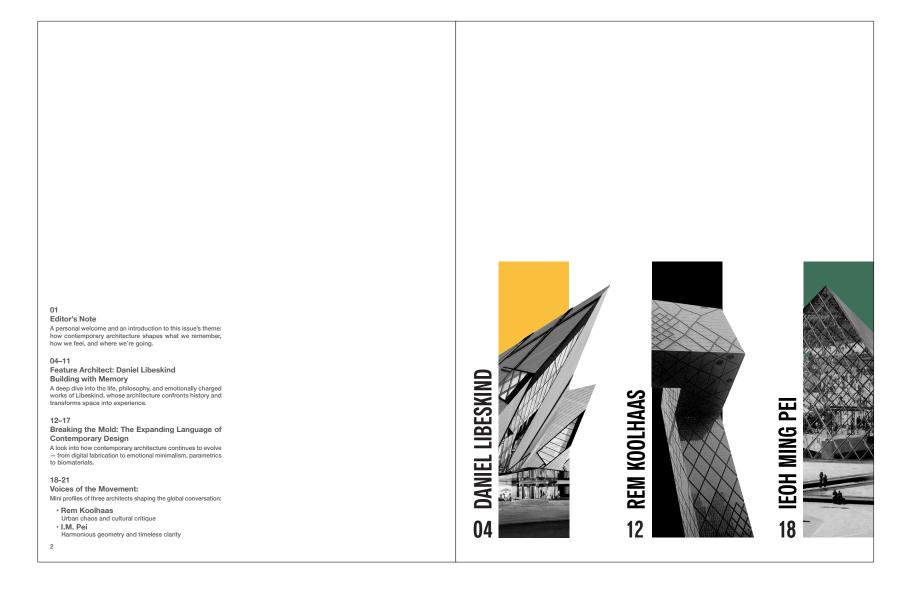






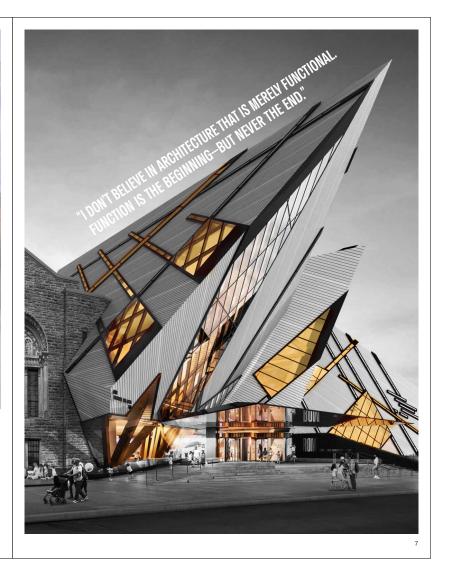














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Q: You often design museums and memorials. Is that a conscious choice?

In a way, yes. I'm drawn to projects that have meaning beyond themselves. Museums and memorials are places where people go to remember, to feel. They're sacred in their own way. And they allow architecture to become part to be emotional landscape of a society.

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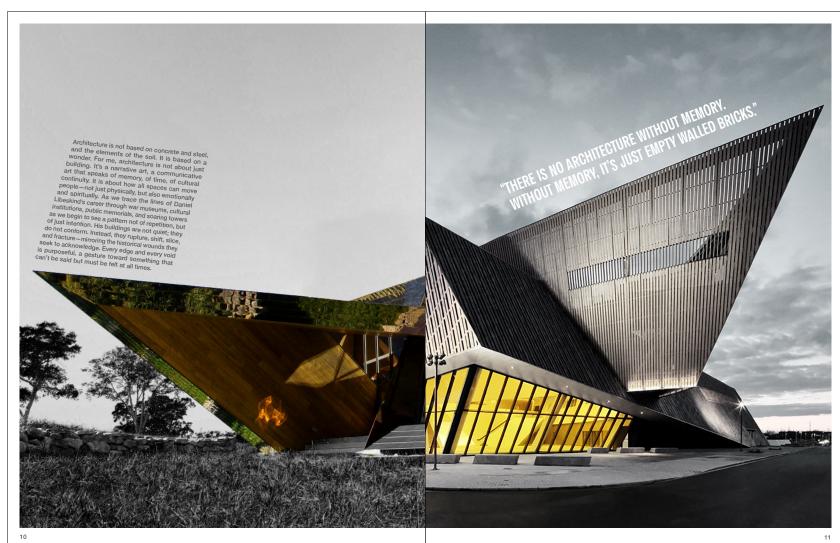
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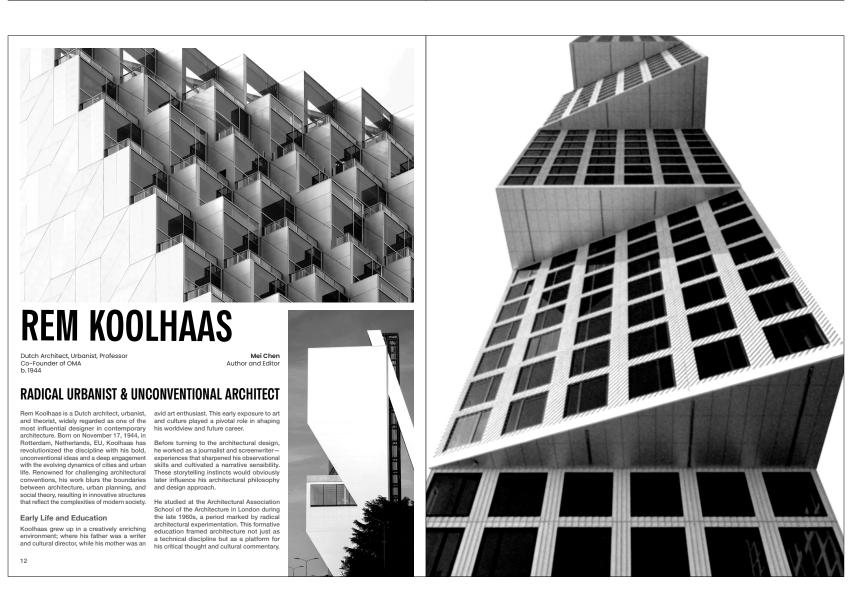
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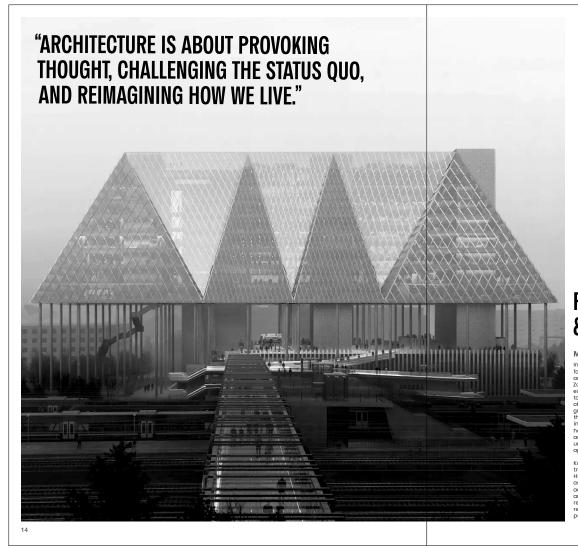
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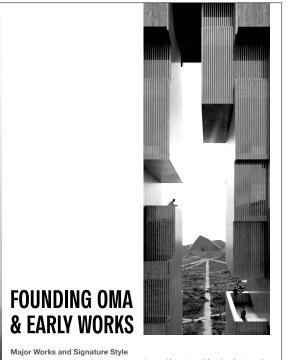
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Because life itself is not linear or symmetrical. Memory isn't orderly. Illistory doesn't unfold in perfect squares. The jagged forms, the slanted walls—they reflect the instability of the narratives we carry, I want people to feel slightly disoriented when they walk through a building, to engage emotionally, not just visually.







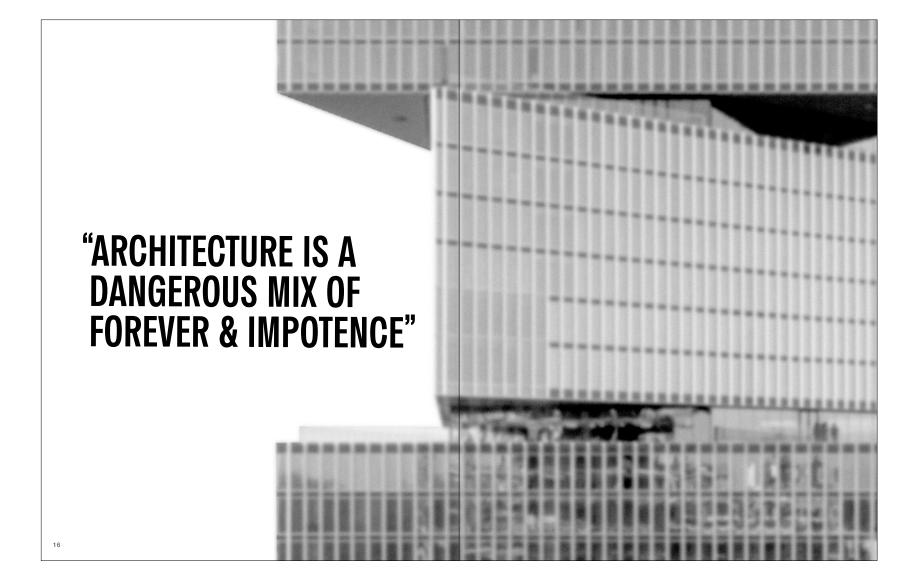


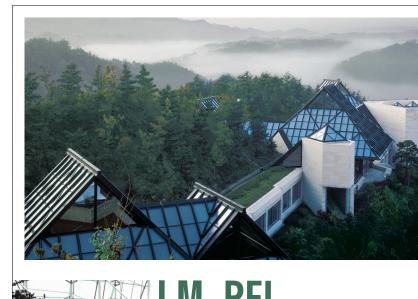
Major Works and Signature Style

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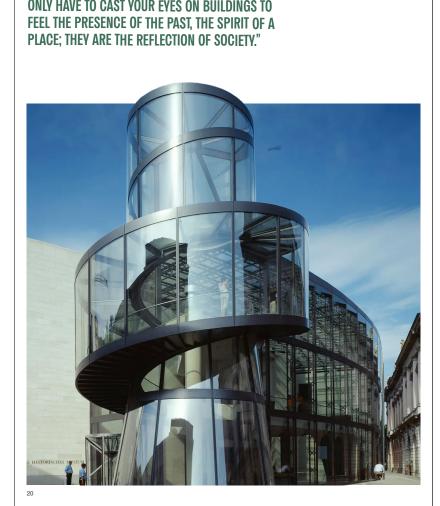




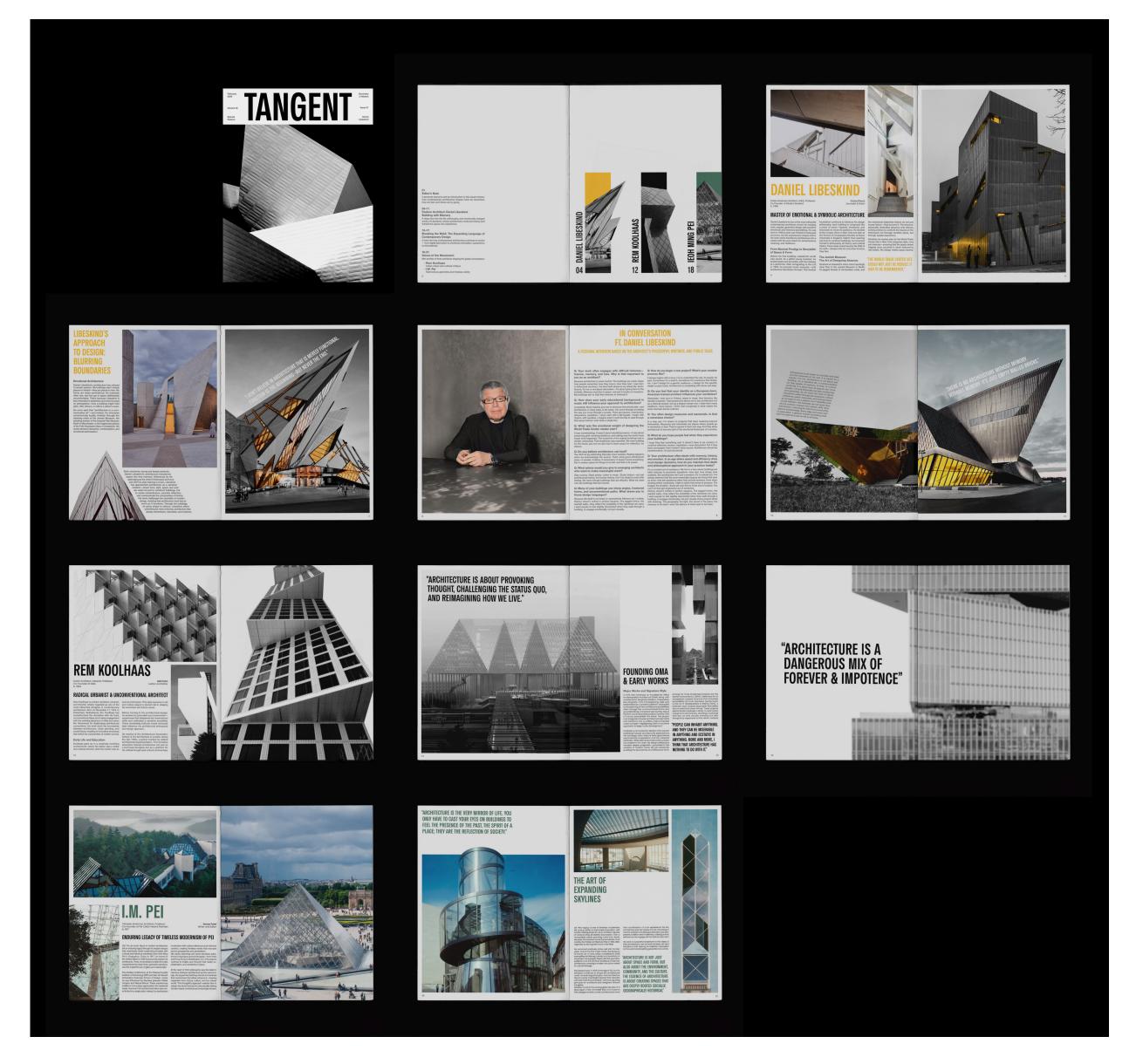
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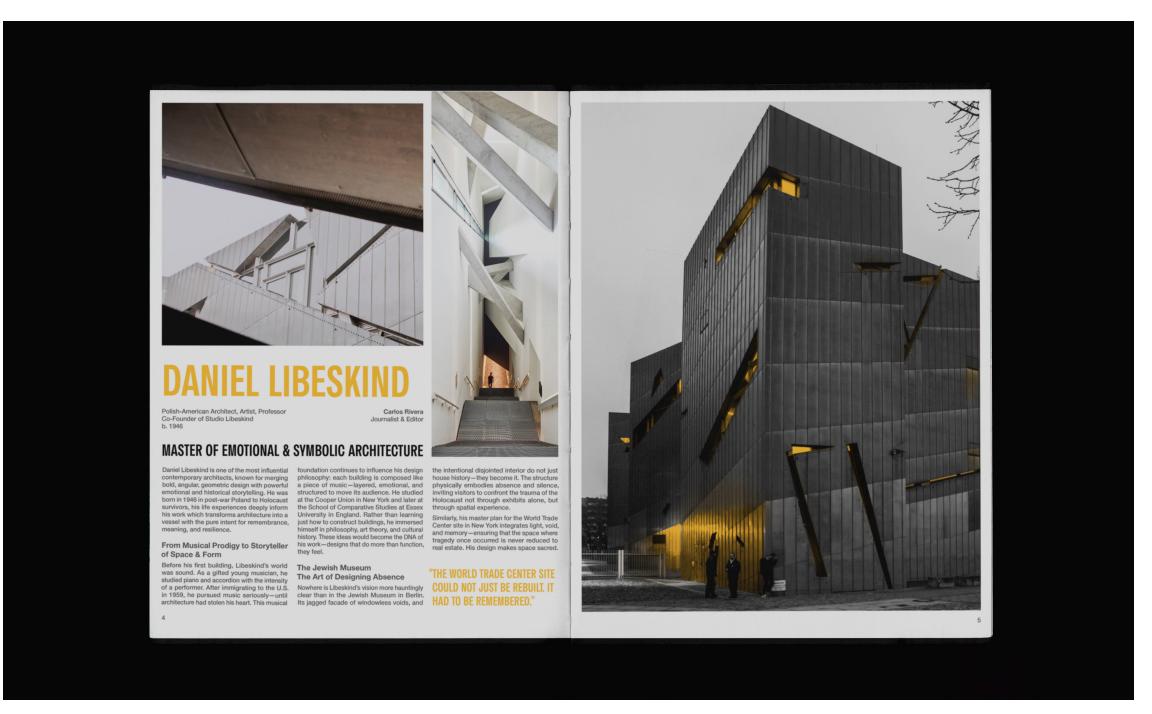






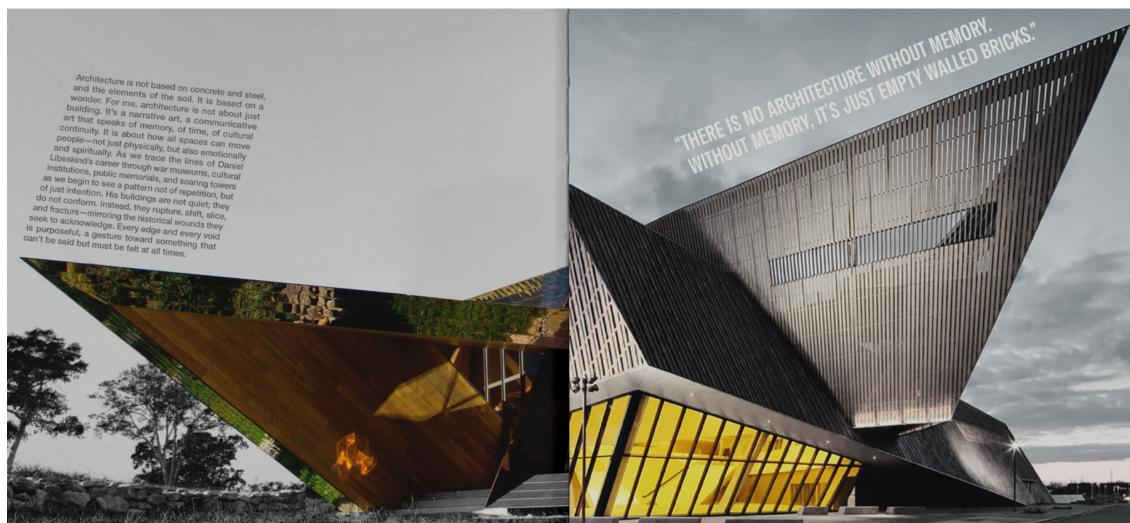




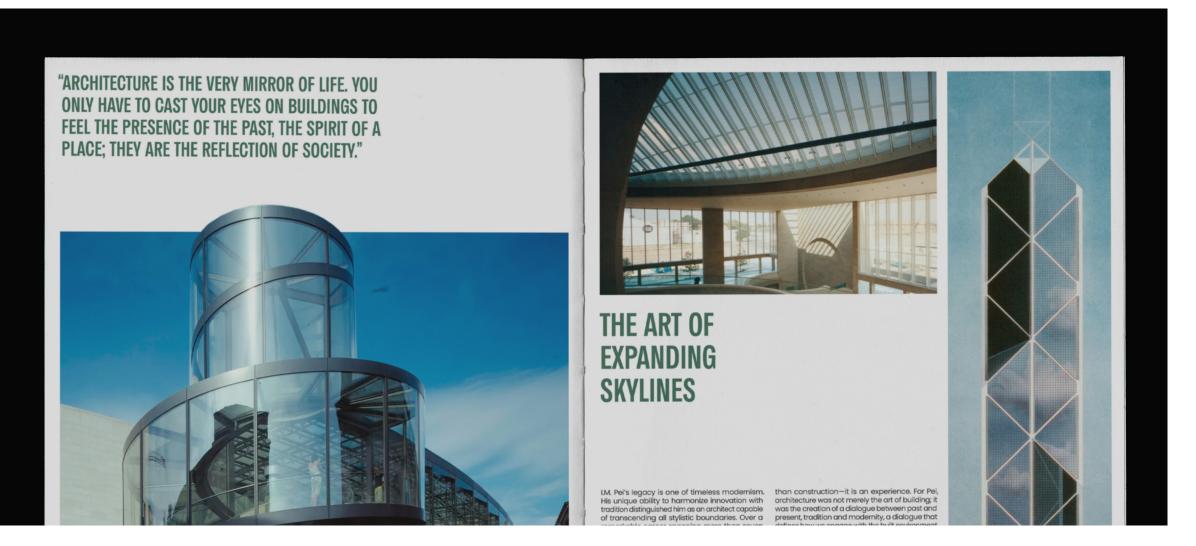








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