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CONTEMPORARY LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE presents the most spectacular international projects in the field of landscape architecture inserted in both an urban and a natural context. As a rule these projects are spatially unenclosed, open to the public and define themselves through a wide range of functions – riverbanks and watersides, parks, observation terraces, tunnels, public squares, spas, cemeteries, monuments, watchtowers and many more.

Generally these costly projects impose very specific demands on the architects and this not only because of their inherent dimensions. These much-discussed projects tend to be of public interest, whereby often exposing the architects to criticism. The goal of these projects is both to create new spaces as well as to successfully redefine those spaces, which once served very different purposes (for instance industrial sites, quarries, wharfs and even former prisons). Sometimes the goal is to implement a large-scale regional landscape development plan.

In any case, these designs must be on a par with the manifold social prerequisites and must blend in with the respective urban or natural surroundings. Sometimes they set a striking contrast or result in a modernist antithesis to a relatively uncultivated, sweeping landscape. The construction materials are as complex as the specifications they aim to fulfill: wood, stainless, polyester, and fiberglass, often combined in surprising ways. At times the choice of color functions as an eye-catcher, highlighting the function and line of the project within its surrounding in a way that sets it apart from the pre-established infrastructure it is inserted into.

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