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# ABOUT ARCHITECTURE

### MIPIM AWARD LES ECURIES DE LA CHASSE ROYALE, BRUSSELS

Developed by Royal Hunt Properties sa/nv and designed by **ASSAR Architects**, the former stable known as Les Ecuries de la Chasse Royale in Brussels - have been nominated to the MIPIM Awards 2009 in the refurbished office buildings category. Set on a former hunting estate, Les Ecuries de la Chasse Royale have now been renovated into 3,000 m² of modern offices plus 44 parking bays. The aristocratic charm of the original period façades blends in delightfully with the modern and spacious facilities, offering efficient and friendly places for work for the occupants. Les Ecuries de la Chasse Royale have retained their original charac-



Shareholders: Royal Hunt Properties sa/nv

ter, not only in their spaciousness but also in the numerous architectural details such as the splendid metal trusses and the authentic cast iron columns. Les Ecuries de la Chasse Royale have become one of the very few buildings in Brussels offering state-of-the-art offices within a famous old building which respects both historical architecture and discerning tenant needs.

# TAIPEI 101

TAIPEI 101, Georges Binder, The Images Publishing Group Mulgrave, Australia, 2008, ISBN 9781864702484, 200 pages

### **BOOKS**

### • TAIPEI 101, still the world's tallest building

Rising 101 storeys at 508 metres above its surrounding urban environment, TAIPEI 101 is currently the world's tallest building. Designed by C.Y. Lee & Partners, it was opened in 2004 in Taipei amid spectacular Chinese new year celebrations, and has become the international symbol of Taiwan's economic prosperity.

Written by **Georges Binder**, the author of several tall buildings books, TAIPEI 101 includes an overview of the development history and an interview of C.Y. Lee, the architect, and Harace Lin, the developer. The book looks at the cultural aspects of the tower and at the technology that made it possible to complete this super structure, such as the 660-metric-ton tuned mass damper located on the 88th floor that stabilises the structure during the region's frequent earthquakes. TAIPEI 101 features numerous plans and section plans detailing both the tower and the low-rise shopping mall, part of the iconic mixed-use tower.



ASSAR Architects, The Images Publishing Group, Mulgrave, Australia, ISBN 978-1-920744-02-1, 2008, 256 pages

## ASSAR Architects

A new book celebrating the 25th anniversary of **ASSAR Architects**. Although ASSAR Architects, with its 25-year history, is still a relatively young practice, it has had a major impact on the cityscape of Brussels. Projects to date include offices, housing, industrial buildings, research laboratories, retail, new buildings and renovation, urban planning, interior design and programming. The firm's recognisable style is the result of its desire to design a contemporary architecture, contextually appropriate architecture. The monograph features some of ASSAR's major projects, including headquarters buildings for well-known companies such as Axa Belgium, ING Bank, L'Oréal, Bosch and UCB, and several research laboratories including a substantial facility for GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals. Today ASSAR Architects is involved in projects around the world - in locations such as the Algeria, Hungary, Luxembourg, Switzerland, United Kingdom, the United States - and continues to participate in large international competitions.



### 6 MAY AT TOUR & TAXI

During the Forum for Real Estate "Realty "at Tour&Taxi, Art & Build Architects organizes a high level conference with Michaël Braugnart, co- author of the" Cradle to Cradle" concept.

Topic: environmental preoccupation.