BJARKE INGELS GROUP (BIG)

PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT(S): BJARKE INGELS

LOCATION: NEW YORK, NY, US
          COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

FIRM OPENED: 2005

EMPLOYEES: 80

FIRM PHILOSOPHY
By hitting the fertile overlap between pragmatic and utopia, we architects once again find the freedom to change the surface of our Planet, to better-fit contemporary life forms. In all our actions we try to move the focus from the little details to the BIG picture.

HISTORY
The firm was established in 2005. It was established because the partner Julien De Smedt dropped their common plot. When this happened in 2005 Bjarke Ingels took it onto his possession and continued it on his own. Some of the awards the company has received were, 2008 World Architecture Festival Award, 2009 MIPIM Award for best residential development, and the 2009 ULI Award for Excellence.

PROJECT TYPE
BIG focuses on project types like mountain dwellings, residential and high occupancy public venues.

COMPLETED PROJECTS
Danish Pavilion- Shanghai, Kina
Danish maritime museum- Elsinore, DK
8-Tallet (Mixed housing and business- Copenhagen, DK
Sustainable Headquarter- Shenzhen, Kina/ China
Tallinn Town Hall- Tallinn, Eastland
National Library- Astana, Kazakhstan

REFERENCES
DANISH PAVILION

LOCATION: SHANGHAI, CHINA

COMPLETION: 2010

BUILDING TYPE: Pavilion

BUILDING TYPE + PROGRAM
This building is a pavilion that was built for the Expo 2010 Shanghai China. The structure is recreational with indoor and outdoor spaces. It houses a swimming facility, a path for pedestrians and bicyclists and modern benches. The unique design has double spirals where the path leads from ground level up two curves to a height of twelve meters and then down again. It was constructed as a self-bearing structure in white-painted steel.

BUILDING DESIGN INTENTIONS
It was built to enhance Denmark’s best attractions - the bicycle, playground, harbor swimming, and picnicking. BIG’s primary goal was to symbolize sustainability and development through the prelaunch of the bike. The pavilion provides 1,500 city bikes for visitors as well as an exhibit space for the Little Mermaid, which is a sculpture visiting China to exemplify the real life of real Danish city life.

BUILDING PLANS, SECTIONS, ADDITIONAL IMAGES

REFERENCES