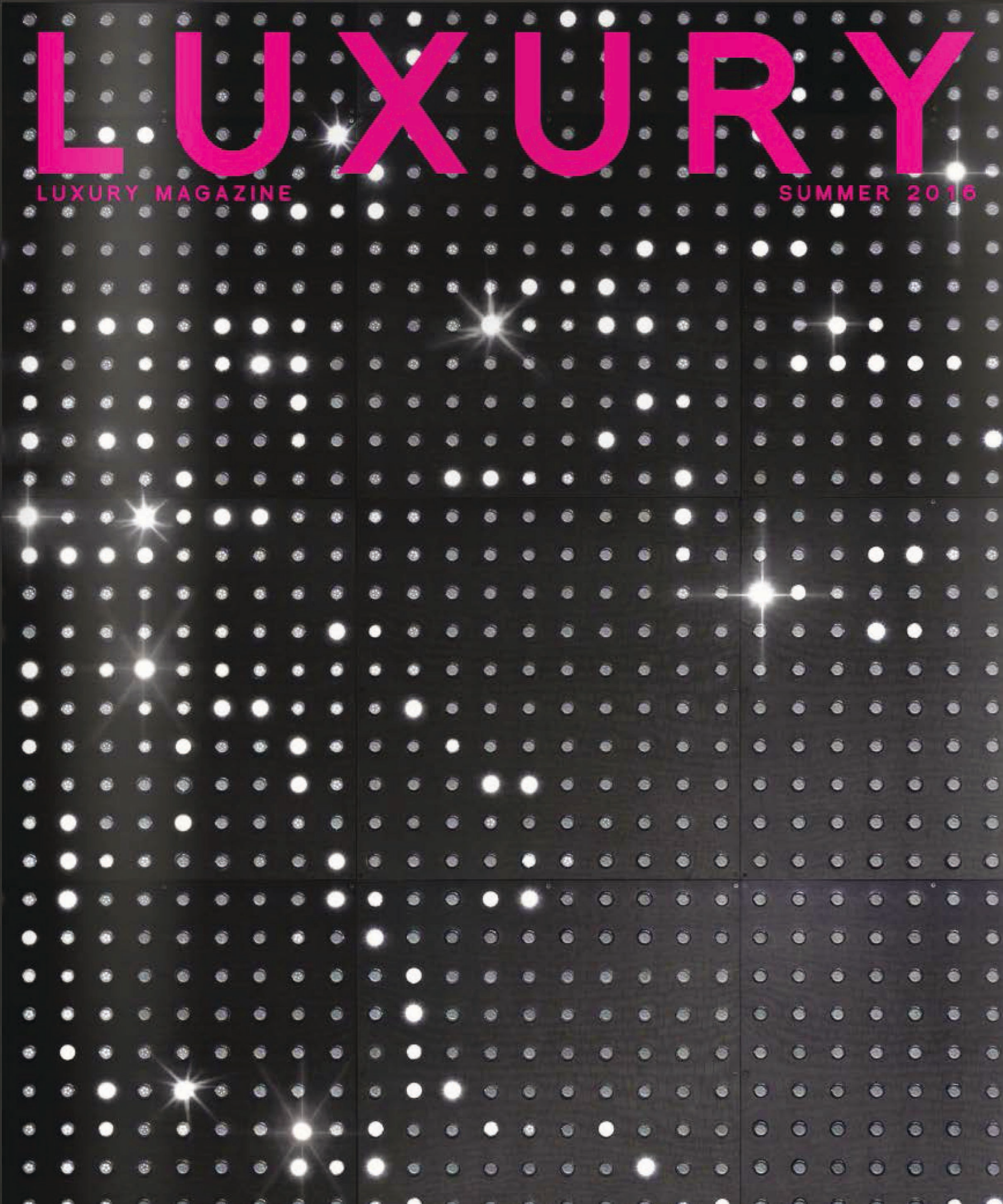


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BUILDING the FUTURE

The look of *things to come* in
21ST-CENTURY ARCHITECTURE.

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New building materials, innovative construction technologies, and the daring, unbridled imagination of architects are giving our cities and towns a futuristic makeover. The uncannily talented Pritzker Architecture Prize-winning Zaha Hadid—who left us too young earlier this year—believed architecture “should be able to excite you, to calm you, to make you think.” Every one of the projects featured here accomplishes one or more of these objectives in audacious, creative ways. From a modern tent house in New Zealand to a digitally printed igloo on Mars, it is clear that architecture has broken free of all boundaries. >





10. SUPER HOUSE

Location: To be determined **Design Team:** Superhouse/Ström Architects, superhouse.me
Size: 16,161 square feet plus basement

We don't think of residential architecture as stemming from boat design. In fact, it's usually the reverse. Not to Magnus Ström. "Before I set up my own practice, I worked in an office that was next door to Dubois Naval Architects, one of the most renowned designers of superyachts in the world," he says. "I was extremely impressed by the design, the engineering, and the craftsmanship, which is second to none. These yachts are not uninhabited racing machines; they are architecture on the water, providing unparalleled accommodation and comfort on board." So, Ström thought, "*Why couldn't we design houses that had the same level of ambition, quality, and attention to detail, for the same discerning clientele as a superyacht customer?*" Ström acknowledges that any architect-designed house is, in essence, bespoke. "But we're aiming to take it to a different level, with handcrafted solutions that will be unique to each individual Superhouse."

Timeline: Designed 2015. Completion to be determined. >

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