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José María Torres Nadal Arquitectos, Tourist Education Centre at Torrevejea, Alicante, Spain. Photograph by Juan de la Cruz Mejias. © José María Torres Nadal Arquitectos

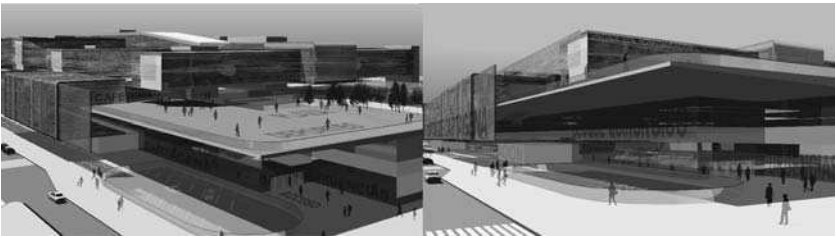


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José María Torres Nadal Arquitectos, Cartagena Regional Hospital, Murcia, Spain, 2003–present, in development design phase, digital rendering. © José María Torres Nadal Arquitectos

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Sweden

Sweden, like other Scandinavian countries, has successfully balanced a free-market economy with a strong welfare system. With most of its wealth coming from industrial production, Sweden has maintained a high standard of living for many decades, although recently this has come under pressure. Investment in communication technologies is high, spurring growth in new high-tech industries. The stable economy and strong public building programme has created a supportive climate for architects. There is much interest in sustainable design and the web site of the Swedish Association of Architects offers information to job seekers.

Resources

- Swedish Association of Architects: www.arkitekt.se
- Some main Swedish Architectural firms
 - Sandell Sandberg: www.sandellsandberg.se
 - White: www.white.se
 - Wingårdh Arkitektkontor: www.wingardhs.se
 - Smaller Swedish practices (in Swedish only): www.arkitekt.nu

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Testbedstudio is a small Swedish practice, oriented both towards building and urban planning. *Testbedstudio* consists of six people, and has offices in Malmö and Stockholm. The work of *Testbedstudio* is based on a strategic approach, with architecture and urban planning as components



Figure 10.14

Testbedstudio, Pavillion for Swedish Telecom in the National Building Expo Bo01, Malmö, Sweden, completed in 2001. Photograph by Jeroen Musch.
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Figure 10.15

Testbedstudio, Interior for MINC, Malmö, Sweden, completed in 2002. Photograph by Jeroen Musch. © Testbedstudio

within the same programmatic considerations. *Testbedstudio* mixes formal design with research. It offers clients a range of complementary services, such as forms of projective analysis, coordination of dialogue and citizen participation, and involves a network of collaborators in different professional fields.

A student working with *Testbedstudio* will partake in all aspects of the project. Students are expected to be self-directed and motivated, and are given a high degree of responsibility. They have to be well versed in forms of architectural representation and modelling, as well as having writing skills. Knowledge of Swedish language is very helpful but not required. More information about architectural practice in Sweden is available on the web site of the Swedish Association of Architects.

Latin America

Argentina

Argentina has been an independent nation for nearly 200 years, but until 1983 had a series of tumultuous political regimes that destabilized its economic and social progress. The country's natural resources are



Figure 10.16

Gerardo Caballero, Apartment building, Rosario, Argentina, 2000.
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extensive and its education system is strong. Both public and private sectors have acted as springboards for practices of talented Argentinean architects, although the uncertain economy makes architectural practice in Argentina a continuing challenge. Uncontrolled commercial and