

Spektra

spektraglobal

Newsletter

January 2026 Edition



In this issue:

New Year Welcome
Message

Project Of the Month

Gung Ho!!!

The Architect Series



Table of Contents

01

New Year Welcome Message

02

Project Of the Month: Burkina Shippers Council Headquarters

03

Gung Ho!!! 'Power Start'

04

The Architect Series:
Lord Norman Foster

05

On Site in 60 Seconds

06

Design Tip of The Month: Double the Light, Double the Space

07

Ask the Architect: When cutting costs compromises safety

08

Final Thoughts

NEW YEAR WELCOME MESSAGE:

We are 15+1 this year!

As we step into a new year, we sincerely thank every member of the Spektra family for the dedication, resilience, and passion you bring to your work each day.

“At Spektra, our strength has always been our people. Every project we deliver reflects the collective effort, discipline, and creativity of this team.”

— William Halm

We remain committed to delivering exceptional work, and fostering a supportive and empowering workplace where everyone can grow.

“Beyond buildings, we are building people, relationships, and a legacy.”

— Karen Halm

We look ahead with optimism and confidence, knowing that together, we can achieve even greater milestones. Thank you for being part of the Spektra journey.

Happy New Year!

William and Karen Halm,
Founders & Principal Architects,
Spektra Global Limited.



PROJECT OF THE MONTH



Burkina Shippers Council Headquarters

This month's featured project is a bold expression of contemporary institutional architecture, designed to reflect strength, transparency, and modern African identity.

Design Concept

The building features a bold modern form with strong horizontal lines, cantilevered volumes, and an elevated structure that creates a sense of lightness and authority, ideal for a national institution.

PROJECT OF THE MONTH

Exterior

Warm wood-textured cladding is paired with light stone finishes and expansive glazing, balancing professionalism with visual warmth. Large windows and landscaped surroundings enhance natural light and connection to the site.

Interior

The reception is refined and welcoming, featuring polished marble floors, clean white finishes, a sculptural curved desk, and a green wall that adds a calm, biophilic touch.



Materials & Unique Features

Stone, glass, wood cladding, marble and metal balustrades define the space. Elevated structural supports and subtle national branding give the project a strong, symbolic identity.

POWER START 2026 MOMENTS IN FOCUS

A snapshot of conversations,
connections and commitment
as we kicked off the year together.



THE ARCHITECTS SERIES

LORD NORMAN FOSTER

Sir Norman Foster is a titan of contemporary architecture. Rising from modest beginnings in Manchester, his journey is a masterclass in discipline and curiosity. After honing his craft at Yale, he founded Foster + Partners in 1967, blending high-tech innovation with environmental responsibility.

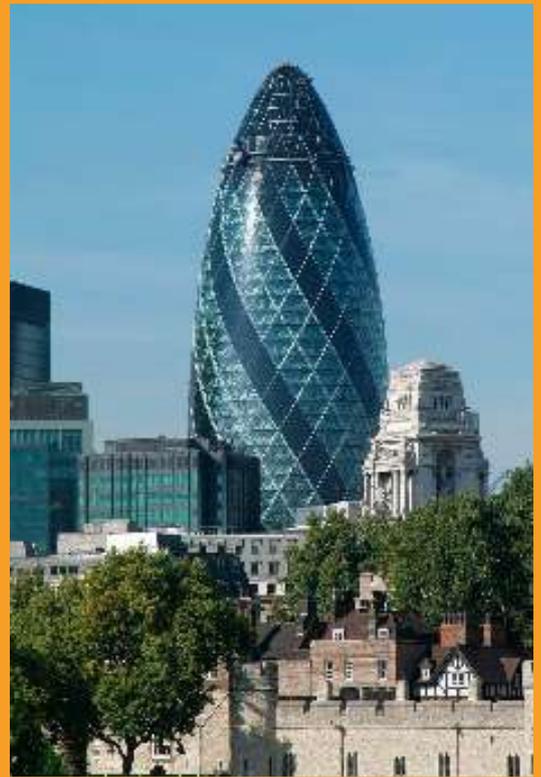
His masterpieces, including London's "Gherkin" and Apple Park, reflect his core belief: architecture must elevate the human experience.

A Pritzker Prize winner, Foster's true legacy lies in his lifelong adaptability. He reminds us to design with courage, ensuring our built environment remains functional and inspiring for an ever-evolving future.

"As an architect, you design for the present, with an awareness of the past, for a future which is essentially unknown."



Apple Park



london gherkin



British Heritage



DJI Sky City

This mindset applies as much to leadership and personal development as it does to architecture.

Source: domusweb.it

ON SITE IN 60 SECONDS



DESIGN TIP - DOUBLE THE LIGHT, DOUBLE THE SPACE

Mirrors are a designer's secret weapon. They instantly brighten rooms and create the illusion of extra square footage, making them perfect for compact areas.

To transform your space:

-Double the light: Place mirrors opposite windows to bounce natural light into dim corners.

-Create depth: Large floor-to-ceiling mirrors make narrow hallways or small rooms feel significantly more expansive.

-Highlight focal points: Placing a mirror near a piece of art, a plant, or a decorative feature can draw attention and add interest.

-Experiment with shapes: Use round or uniquely shaped mirrors to break up sharp architectural angles and add character.



QUICK TIP

You don't need to renovate to refresh a space. Even small, intentional changes make a big difference!

ASK THE ARCHITECT

Q: At what point does cutting costs begin to compromise safety?

A: Every project needs a budget, but the line is crossed the moment you compromise on how strong the building is.

If you start using cheap, unproven materials or skip out on expert supervision to save a few dollars, you've gone too far.

In my view, safety is non-negotiable. It's not something you "trim down" when the budget gets tight. A building might look perfect on the outside, but shortcuts create hidden dangers that can show up years later.

True efficiency isn't about taking shortcuts; it's about making smart, responsible choices that protect lives and ensure your building stands the test of time.

Source: FOX 5 NewYork



BRONX APPARTMENT, NEW YORK

Q

&

A



FINAL THOUGHTS

A new year is more than a change of dates, it is an opportunity to realign with purpose, and approach our work with renewed intention. As we move forward, let us continue to show up with curiosity, accountability, and care, for our work, for one another and for the communities we serve. The year ahead holds possibilities yet to be shaped. Together, we will shape them well.

Happy New Year Once Again!



Burkina Shippers' Council

CONTACT US

026-285-8473

026-468-5336

055-885-8848

Leads@spektra.global

www.spektra.global

DREAM IT. LIVE IT.