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Creative Spaces: Miami

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My series [Creative Spaces](#), which started out with homes of all shapes and sizes, is now expanding into cities. For the first time in human history more than 50 per cent of the world's population lives in cities -- that's more than three billion people, and it's growing by about 60 million a year. Our great cities are at once the economic, cultural, and intellectual engines that drive human civilization and its greatest monuments.

Cities are living, breathing laboratories, filled with innovation and discovery; they are canvases too, and the human imagination and capacity to create are endless. Whether it's a starchitect-designed building, a government-funded public art display, or an inspired green space, this series will highlight some of the most unique and inspirational designs and installations, big and small, temporary and permanent, that can be found in cities around the world.

With [Art Basel Miami Beach](#) celebrating its 10th edition Dec. 1-4, I couldn't think of a more appropriate city with which to begin this series. My colleague [Steven Pedigo](#) and I compiled a slideshow highlighting some of Miami's most creative and imaginative public art displays and spaces.

Cor



Chad Oppenheim's Cor building is the first mixed-use green condo in Miami, Florida. With wind turbines, solar hot water and photovoltaic panels, this building is ready for takeoff!

Photo credit: Dbox

Wynwood Kitchen and Bar



A series of unique murals adorn the indoor, outdoor and courtyard walls of the Wynwood Kitchen and Bar, turning eating and drinking into a memorable artistic experience. Several famous graffiti artists, including Shepard Fairey, brought these walls to life.

Photo Credit: Flickr user Carvalho

The Living Room



Once a landmark welcoming designers and architects to the Wynwood Design District in downtown Miami, Roberto Behar and Rosario Marquardt's "urban intervention" now sits abandoned in all its beautiful, hand-painted glory.

Photo Credit: Flickr user Sapougue

1111 Lincoln Road



One of the world's most visually appealing parking garages is situated at the entrance of Lincoln Road, Miami Beach's famed pedestrian mall. A collaboration between the developer and art collector Robert Wennett and the world-renowned architectural firm Herzog & de Meuron, this mixed-use development also includes residences, restaurants, and retail stores. Its 25,000-square-foot rooftop events space offers panoramic views of the ocean, bay, and city.

Photo Credit: Flickr user Eageriseager

The Pink Snails



Gigantic snails invaded Miami Beach when this public art project by the Rome-based Ca' d'Oro Gallery & Cracking Art Group came to town last year. They became famous during Art Basel and now these beautiful magenta creatures are moving at a snail's pace to other U.S. cities.

Photo Credit: Flickr user Bob B. Brown

Wynwood Walls



Downtown Miami's Wynwood Art District embraces street art through a series of murals by international artists. The district is home to several galleries, including the world-renowned Rubell and Margulies collections. Monthly Second Saturday gallery walks attract thousands of art lovers, who wander the streets until late in the evening.

Photo Credit: Flickr user [l_a_i_a](#)

Mystery Head



How's this for a head-turner? This oversized head just appeared one day, plopped on the sidewalk in midtown Miami.

Photo Credit: Flickr user The Miami Story

Bacardi Building



Two unique buildings in downtown Miami stand out as a stunning blend of art and architecture: the home of Bacardi USA. Used as offices and a museum, the tower and the building featured here were built by the Bacardi family using local architect Ignacio Carrera-Justiz. The inspiration for the work was based on an original painting by artist Johannes M. Dietz. This unusual abstract modern building cantilevers out several feet from a central core, creating a dramatic effect.

Photo Credit: Flickr user Saikofish

Liquid Measures



Miami-based artist Wendy Wischer's work is influenced by the natural environment. This public art installation, called Liquid Measures, is made out of mirrors and water glass tiles and was inspired by the wind and water currents in the local region. The piece is always changing and moving as the reflections of the surrounding environment have a watery effect and shimmer at night in the city lights.

Photo Credit: Flickr user City of Miami Beach

Elastika



Spanning four floors of the atrium in the landmark Moore Building, the award-winning installation Elastika was created for the Design Miami Fair by the world-renowned architect Zaha Hadid.

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New World Symphony



The New World Symphony designed by master architect, Frank Gehry, is an inspirational learning campus that extends outside into an amazing green space, by Dutch architecture landscape firm, West 8. This one-of-a-kind public park comes complete with tall design structures with climbing bougainvillea vines that create beautiful spots to sit and take in the symphony, whose performances are projected on a huge wall.

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