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Possibilities and Limits of Urban Architecture

Urban architecture is one of the most fascinating features of cities. In fact, in many major cities such as Chicago, London, and Dubai, the city can be defined by the skyline. A city's composition at it's simplest is the combination of public spaces, private spaces, and green spaces. Each of these spaces has an opportunity to impact the whole city in an aesthetic or functional way, possibly even both at the same time.

Modern architects have a great opportunity for creativity in urban architecture, especially with mixed use projects that incorporate public spaces, private spaces, and green spaces. Such projects allow for an even greater level of creativity and challenge. Sustainability is such a large aspect of modern architecture that many architects try to incorporate it into projects when possible. Because building a sustainable building is very different than sustainably building a building, it may be more expensive to make it environmentally friendly. However, the lower costs of electricity, water, and other such things in the future will more than make up for the slightly higher costs during construction.

As the world continues to urbanize, architects will continue to have an even bigger role in urban architecture and an even bigger opportunity to leave their creative fingerprint on the skyline of major or growing cities. This means great things for future architects like me who

dream of living in cities such as New York or London. Urban architecture itself is an opportunity and being able to work in a firm in a large city would be a dream come true. My plan for life is to have a job at a firm in New York by the time I graduate from college so that I can immediately start my professional career. The urbanization of the globe means more opportunities for housing projects such as apartments, micro apartments, townhomes, and more for architects in the future.

Although sustainable architecture is very popular now, years in the future, there will surely be something later and greater in the technologies for green architecture. There will be something better than heating and cooling systems that rely solely on the sun and the ground. There will be something better than clear solar panels that are used as windows. There will be bigger and better wind turbines. The possibilities are endless.

The thing that cannot be relied upon would be the economic side of these possibilities.

Making buildings sustainable can be expensive today, but with inflation and new technologies in the future, it is sure to become more expensive. There is also the possibility of clients not being open to modern designs and more sustainable options.

Although clients may not be as open minded, architects will have more and more opportunities in the future if they do a good job of selling their idea to their clients. There will also likely be more competition because more people will be living in the same area as the world goes farther through urbanization. However, there will nevertheless be great opportunity for urban architects in the future.

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