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The best design and architecture of 2025 - from waddling teapots to a museum of razzle-dazzle



© Experiential serenity ... Houston's new Basmali Centre, by Farshid Moussawi. Photograph: Iwan Baan

This year's highlights include the remodelling of a Richard Seifert brutalist 'corncob' tower, a celebration of Japanese carpentry and a wearable hot-water bottle

4. Space House: Squire & Partners, London

Something of an architectural bogeyman in his day, Richard "Colonel" Seifert specialised in monumental office developments, such as London's Centre Point and Tower 42 in the City, once the UK's tallest building. But he is now coming in from the cold, with renewed interest in his unapologetically modernist oeuvre. The remodelling of Space House in Kingsway breathes bold new life into one of his distinctive "corncob" towers, with 90% of the original structure retained and restored.