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## NEW TUBE

*Innovative developments such as the Hyperloop are set to transform the travel experience*







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## Capelo and MNA design new flagship Hudson Yards store for Watches of Switzerland

Luxury watch and jewellery retailer Watches of Switzerland has cemented its New York presence with a second flagship in the city, located in the new Hudson Yards development. Following the success of the first flagship store, opened in November 2018 in SoHo, the design team is once again London-based consultancy Capelo in collaboration with New York's MNA.

At The Shops at Hudson Yards, this 6,500 sq ft retail space is centrally positioned in the Great Room atrium, with a 110ft four-bay frontage facing the public plaza, and an internal storefront in the mall of 160ft. This breadth of street presence was intended to visually connect the store to its surrounds, offering itself as an inviting social space, drawing

customers in with a curved white onyx storefront and digital wall.

The feel of contemporary luxury is expressed through the finishings and colour palette, which is neutral enough to house individual brand installations around the perimeter of the store, as well as cohering installations within a central multi-brand area.

Brand partner Patek Philippe enjoys its own boutique directly across from the bronze-clad entry foyer, while Rolex has one on the opposite side. The store also has its own cocktail bar, continuing the store experience with the same palette of illuminated onyx, marble and bronze, in which customers might enjoy complimentary refreshments and take in the views of the surrounding development.

## National Infrastructure Commission's Design Panel named

The National Infrastructure Commission has announced the 10 members of its new Design Panel. Headed by Sadie Morgan, Stirling Prize winner and founding partner of dRMM Architects, the commission was set up last year. In its first assessment it announced that the inclusion of design at all stages of planning and delivery will ensure more cost-effective, higher-quality designs are provided for the UK public.

The complete list of names is as follows: Professor Sadie Morgan (chair), architectural designer, national infrastructure commissioner and founding partner of dRMM Architects; Isabel Dedring, lawyer and management consultant, global transport leader at Arup; Anthony Dewar, civil engineer, professional head, buildings and architecture at Network Rail; Clare Donnelly, architect, director at Fereday Pollard Architects; Andrew Grant, landscape architect, founder and director of Grant Associates; Professor Hanif Kara, structural engineer, co-founder and design director of AKT II; Madeleine Kessler, architect, Haptic Architects; Lucy Musgrave, urban designer, founding director of Publica; Judith Sykes, civil engineer, director at Expedition Engineering; Louise Wyman, chartered surveyor and landscape architect – design lead for the West Midlands Combined Authority. [nic.org.uk](http://nic.org.uk)

## Bartlett launches compressed architecture education model

The new Architecture MSci is an integrated Master's degree that compresses the Part 1 and 2 route of architectural education to five consecutive years with a final placement year included. As it awaits ARB Prescription and RIBA Candidate Status for Part 1 and Part 2 accreditation, applications for the inaugural year will open this October, coinciding with 2019's 'Bartlett 100' – celebrating a century of the institution's work in architectural education.

While the Bartlett is ranked number one for architecture study, according to the QS World Rankings by Subject, and will continue its successful Architecture BSc (ARB/RIBA Part 1) and MArch (ARB/RIBA Part 2), the new programme aims to accelerate the educational model, saving students tuition and living costs, while the integrated placement year aims to provide a higher level of industry knowledge at an earlier stage of training. For the first cohort, due in 2020, the Bartlett intends to select approximately 15 students.

## School of Speculation launches affordable design summer school

Another educational innovation comes from new project the School of Speculation: an architecture and design summer school organised in partnership with the Design Museum, the South London Gallery and the Anise Gallery in London. The two-week programme aims to provide critical design education that is affordable and accessible to a group of 20 applicants, with contributing speakers and workshop coordinators including Jack Self, The Rodina, Assemble, Daisy Ginsberg, Extrapolation Factory, John Walter, (Ab)normal, and The Bakerloos. Applications closed last month, but more speakers and events will be announced. [schoolsofspeculation.xyz](http://schoolsofspeculation.xyz)

