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**Space for Life announces the winners of their international architectural competition for Montreal's (Canada) 375th anniversary**

**Title:** MIGRATION DU BIODÔME

**Winner:** **AZPML + KANVA**

in collaboration with NEUF architect(e)s, Bouthillette Parizeau & NCK

Space for Life aims to rethink and revitalize the relationship between mankind and nature, to design a new way to experience and to understand the ecosystems of the Montreal Biodome as part of the city's 375th anniversary.

The overall strategy of the winning proposal for **Migration du Biodome** is based on a gesture of insertion within a living habitat. The Biodome transformation is rooted in the principle of sustainable development and the intention of an immersive museum. Creativity, sustainability, relevance and transmission are the core values that guide the regeneration process.

A curved wall wraps each ecosystem like a skin. Sensitive and delicate, both container and contained, the wall serves as a support for multimedia creations, a tool for multi sensory stimuli and a canvas that accompanies visitors through the many pathways and the central hub.

The scheme offers a comprehensive and multi-disciplinary approach that both integrates with and expands the many existing components of the building to link biodiversity and humanity.

**About the winners**

**AZPML**

<http://azpml.com/>

AZPML (Alejandro Zaera-Polo and Maider Llaguno Architecture) is an international practice, based in London and New York. AZPML was born in 2011 as a legacy practice of FOA. AZPML has a commitment to innovation in architecture and urban design, combining technical innovation with design excellence.

AZPML's current projects in the UK include Birmingham New Street Station and John Lewis Shopping Centre in Birmingham. In Spain, AZPML is involved in a new Hospital in Lleida, a Biotechnology centre in Barcelona, the Gurrutxaga Winery in Lekeitio and the Cerezales Foundation. AZPML is also involved in the development of administrative and canteen buildings for Weifang University, a high rise building in Vienna and the Locarno cinema film festival headquarters in Switzerland.

**KANVA**

<http://www.kanva.ca/>

Composed of a collective of dynamic architects, KANVA is an architectural firm whose work is at the forefront of thinking, imagining, drawing and constructing. Their big ideas, gestures and approach to contemporary issues have gained local, national and international attention. KANVA is the recipient of numerous prestigious awards and publications including the Award of Excellence for Innovation in Architecture by the Royal Architecture Institute of Canada.

With over ten years of experience realizing a range of project types, including student housing, large-scale public art installations, mixed-use buildings, corporate and public spaces, KANVA treats each project as an opportunity to transform the built environment through story-telling.

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