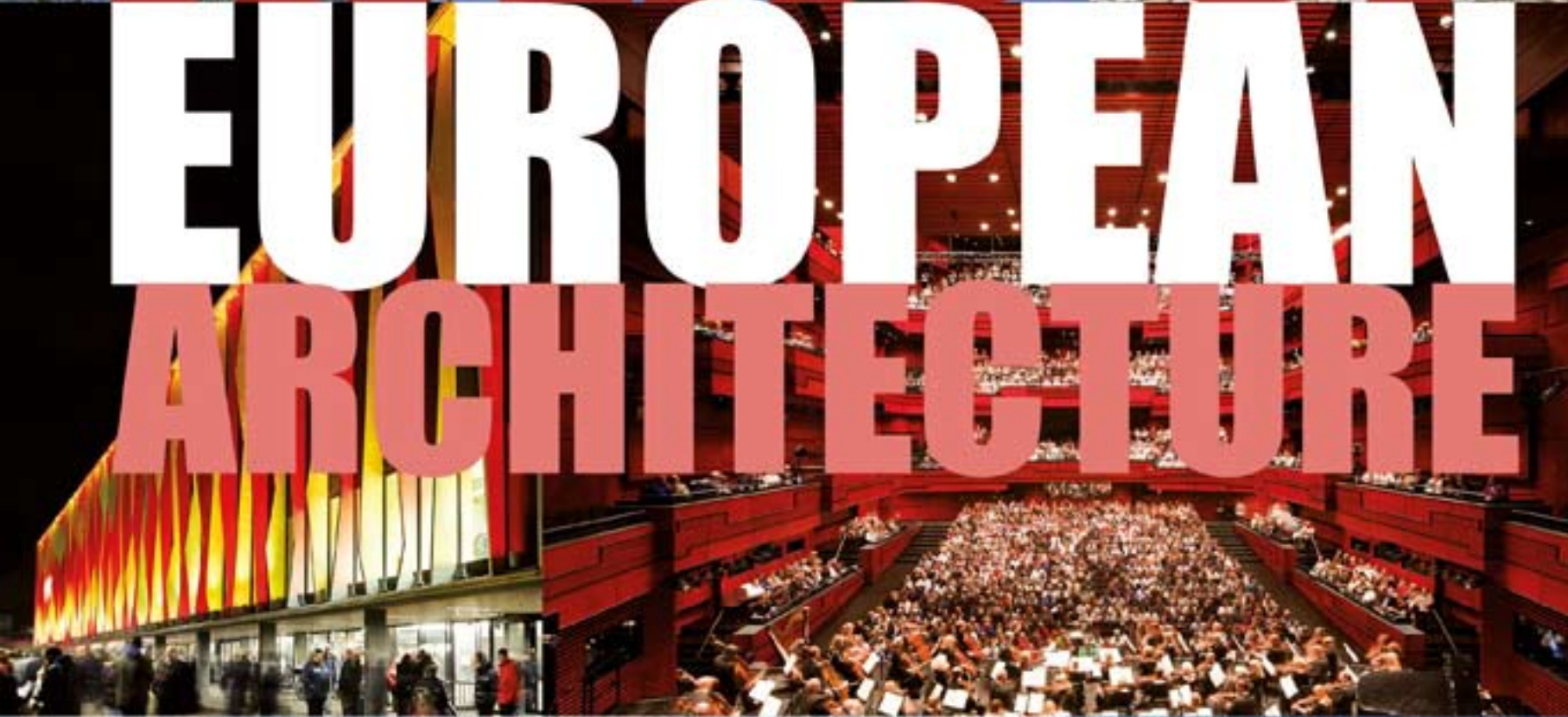




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Rieteiland House

Amsterdam architect Hans van Heeswijk built his dream house, a vertical loft of glass, on a newly developed artificial island, Rieteiland Oost, about nine kilometers east of central Amsterdam. It is a compact island home with a stacked open plan, featuring triple-height ceilings. The upward flow of the house is based on the natural progression of the day. After work, the residents drink wine, read the papers and cook dinner in the ground-floor kitchen. After dinner they move to the first floor to relax, before progressing to the top-floor sleeping area. The façade on the waterside is made completely of glass sheets to maximize the panoramic view, while the street façade is completely clad with perforated horizontal aluminum panels, some of which can be opened automatically.

