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1 AHMM'S GOOGLE PLANS

AHMM has unveiled designs for its £650m Google HQ in King's Cross, which aims to achieve BREEAM Outstanding and LEED Platinum ratings. The 330m-high building will be made from steel columns, pre-cast concrete panels and low-iron glass to reference the area's industrial architecture. The steel frame and cross-laminated timber panels used on the inside will be a first for a modern building of this scale. Its 67,400sq m of office space will house all London-based Google staff, with completion scheduled for 2017.

2 TRAIL BLAZER

Italian furniture manufacturer Billiani has launched the Blazer chair, designed by Emilio Nanni for its 2013 collection. The seat and back are plywood and the frame is solid beech, with tapered legs and a curved back profile that creates a lightweight look. The timber can be stained or lacquered, and there are also options for a fabric or leather upholstered seat.

3 HENNING LARSEN

Danish architect Henning Larsen has died aged 87. Born in Videbæk in 1925, Larsen trained as a carpenter before studying architecture at the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, a school he returned to as a teacher from 1968-1995. He founded his self-named architecture practice in 1959, creating notable buildings such as the Malmö City Library (1997) and the Royal Danish Opera (2004). Larsen won the 2013 Europe Nostra Denmark Award, and was the recipient of Japan's Praemium Imperiale award in 2012.

4 BIODOMES IN THE AMAZON

NBBJ has submitted revised plans for Amazon's downtown Seattle headquarters that include three glass and steel biodomes. The interconnecting structures will include five storeys of flexible workspace, surrounded by internal botanical gardens, with the aim of providing "a more natural, park-like setting" for employees. Original plans for the campus comprised three 37-storey towers, a new public park and a low, rectilinear, green-roofed building, which the domes have replaced in the new plans.

5 BIRMINGHAM DESIGN EVENT

A new interior design and architecture event will take place in Birmingham this September, directed by Lynne Maynard of interior fit out specialists Eos Interiors. Design Quarter 2013 will see exhibitions, workshops and seminars taking place around the city's jewellery quarter, with speakers including PearsonLloyd and Per Nimer. The main venue, St Paul's Gallery, will show products from Humanscale, Bene, Royal Mosa, Camira, Interface, Vescom and Artemide.

