

City Lights

Cities are more than the sum of their citizens. Nevertheless, as more and more people move to the urban centers, city life is determined by the individual experience as much as by overarching developments. Here are a few personal perspectives and observations highlighting urban trends.



Food for Thought

Thoughts of Italy bring to mind thoughts of food. This association will be stronger than ever when Milan hosts Expo 2015, the world's fair focusing on global nutrition. Up to 20 million visitors will explore the theme of "Feeding the planet, energy for life" between May 1 and October 31, 2015, roaming across 200 hectares of dedicated fairgrounds and seeing the exhibits of 144 countries. Pavilions will interpret the theme through traditional cultural values and the use of new technologies. Enel is one of Expo's official global partners, contributing smart energy solutions to the world event. As Enel's official

strategic partner, Siemens will supply intelligent software to enable the Enel Smart Grid – a cornerstone of the fair's entire technology infrastructure.

But that's not all. To underscore the relationship between technology and nature – in art as in nutrition – Siemens has provided Expo Gates, four treelike sculptures designed by architect Daniel Libeskind. Each 10-meter structure anchors a corner of Expo's main square, Piazza Italia.

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