

# Offshore architecture and marine urban sprawl

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Our oceans and coastlines are of increasing interest to architects and engineers. There's a new emphasis on land reclamation and building floating structures for everything from accommodation to marine farming to energy generation. The Russians have even launched a floating nuclear reactor. Re-defining the use of the ocean is part of the emerging "blue economy" – one that can be both economically beneficial and environmentally responsible. How well can these often contradictory goals be reconciled?



IMAGE: OUR OCEANS AND COASTLINES ARE OF INCREASING INTEREST TO ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS. FLOATING STRUCTURES ARE PART OF THE EMERGING 'BLUE ECONOMY'. (GETTY IMAGES; THE ASAHI SHIMBUN)

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