

Holcim partners with leading architect Alejandro Aravena's Elemental in Venice to advance sustainable and resilient housing during the 2025 Biennale

- **Leader in innovative and sustainable building solutions partners with Pritzker Prize-winner Alejandro Aravena to advance sustainable and resilient housing**

Holcim is partnering with Pritzker Prize-winner Alejandro Aravena and his Chile-based architectural practice Elemental to launch a resilient housing project with a carbon-neutral footprint in Venice during the 2025 Biennale of Architecture. The collaboration will combine Elemental's experience in resilient and affordable housing with Holcim's advanced sustainable concrete solutions, building on ECOPact, the world's broadest range of low-carbon concrete. The project will be showcased from May 6 to November 23, 2025 as part of the Time Space Existence exhibition, organized by the European Cultural Centre.

Miljan Gutovic, Holcim CEO: "At Holcim, we work with leading practitioners across the building value chain to accelerate the shift to sustainable construction at scale. We're excited to be working with Alejandro Aravena and the Elemental team to improve access to resilient housing, making sustainable building a reality today."

Alejandro Aravena, Founder, Elemental: "Science and cutting-edge technology are crucial to overcome housing's catch 22: if we don't build billions of square meters, the humanitarian crisis escalates; but if we build, we worsen the environmental crisis. That is why we are thrilled to partner with Holcim and test a prototype of their innovative carbon-neutral concrete solution, in an attempt to change gears towards a sustainable, human habitat."

Internationally recognized for his work on incremental housing solutions that empower low-income communities in Latin America, Alejandro Aravena previously curated the 2016 Venice Biennale of Architecture.

Holcim has previously collaborated with other prominent architects during the Venice Biennale of Architecture. In 2023, it partnered with the Norman Foster Foundation to present the [Essential Homes Research Project](#), an energy-efficient and sustainable housing solution for low-income or displaced communities, now being rolled out in Latin America. In 2021, Holcim collaborated with Zaha Hadid Architects, Block Research Group at ETH and incremental3d to present [Striatus](#), a circular-by-design 3D concrete printed bridge, with minimal material use for maximum strength in a fully recyclable concept.

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About Elemental

ELEMENTAL is a Do Tank founded in 2001, led by Pritzker Prize 2016 Alejandro Aravena and partners Gonzalo Arteaga, Juan Cerda, Víctor Oddó and Diego Torres.

ELEMENTAL's work stands out for engaging in projects that range from housing to public space, from objects to buildings, covering a wide spectrum of interests. Their unbiased approach to a given question enables the office to enter fields they haven't explored before, generating an original contribution to people's quality of life.

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