

## Beirut to get new modern and contemporary art museum



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An international competition has just been launched to find the designers of a modern and contemporary art museum in Beirut, to open in 2020.

A jury headed by Peter Palumbo, chair of the Pritzker Architecture Prize, and including Zaha Hadid among its international and regional experts, will choose a winning design for the museum, which will be situated across from the National Museum in Beirut's Achrafieh district.

The museum is intended as a multidisciplinary hub of art and design that will showcase modern and contemporary art and culture. Called one of the most significant developments for Lebanese art and culture in a generation, it will aim to bring together diverse populations from the region and beyond.

The competition to design the museum is open to architects of Lebanese origin, and designs are tasked with showing a dedication to promoting and fostering art from Lebanon and the Lebanese diaspora. The finalist will be expected to understand the urban, social, economic and political context of the country and region.

Stage One submissions are being accepted through January, and a winning proposal will be selected in fall 2016.

The museum's name, as well as details about its collection, programming and curatorial staff, are to be announced in the coming months.

Design competitions are currently behind several large-scale projects to build new cultural institutions around the world. Among them, Qatar launched a global competition in June to find the designer of a major new museum on the Doha Bay waterfront. In August, a search began to find a team to design the Museum of Knowledge that will complete Le Corbusier's Capitol Complex in Chandigarh, India.

Find out more about the Beirut museum competition at [www.amuseuminthemaking.com](http://www.amuseuminthemaking.com).

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