Roman Catholic: Sanctuary 150 seats with two side chapels and Baptistery.

THE ARCHITECTURE OF
SKIDMORE, OWINGS & MERRILL
PART ONE

BRIAN ROBERTS
Part of a complex of major buildings in the Financial District, standing 137 ft high and having a "geometric folded roof," with an adjacent 1246 ft high skyscraper.
Described as "One of the most striking collections of midcentury-modern architecture."

_Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) is an American architectural and engineering firm founded in 1936 by Louis Skidmore and Nathaniel Owings, and joined in 1939 by John Merrill. SOM is now one of the most significant architectural firms in the world. This book (SOM Part One) illustrates a few of their unusual low-rise building designs from 1962 to 2021. They also pioneered a new era of skyscraper design which is shown in a separate book (SOM Part Two)._
A Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Yale University.
United States Air Force Academy Chapel. Said to be the most visited attraction in Colorado.
The Chapel is 159 ft high with an unusual structural system described as "folding plate."
Located in New York State.
An unusual wood/timber construction.
HQ of manufacturer of plywood and engineered wood products.
LYNDON JOHNSON LIBRARY AUSTIN 1971

LBJ Presidential Library at University of Texas, 10 floors.
Located in Washington State. Described as "a landscaped ground-scraper."
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HAJJ AIR TERMINAL JEDDAH 1972

Named for King Abdulaziz Al Saud.
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ENERPLEX NORTH PRINCETON 1982

Located in State of New Jersey.
HUMPHREY DOME MINNEAPOLIS 1982

FORT WAYNE ART MUSEUM 1984

Originally 50,000 sq.ft exhibition space. Enlarged 2008.
Largest Exhibition Centre in North America with 2.67 million sq.ft of exhibition space.
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ISLAMIC CENTRE NEW YORK 1991

Height of minaret 130 ft.
Capacity of Main Prayer Hall 1000.
Built on reclaimed land in Victoria Harbour.
MEO ARENA LISBON 1998

A multi-purpose indoor area. Capacity 20,000.
Features the notable "glass arrow" shape.
Located in the District of Queens.
Hub for American Airlines and Delta Airlines.
Said to be the largest international airport terminal in North America.
BEN GURION TERMINAL TEL AVIV 2004

The main International Airport of Israel.
Named after Israel's first Prime Minister.
KAHD CENTRE RIYADH 2014

(See page 2 of this book).
Replaces the original International Terminal which is now demolished.
(See pages 3, 6 & 7).
A 2.7 million sq.ft complex by a Group of International Architects led by SOM.
Said to embody JTI's brand values- "enterprising, open and challenging."
Located in South India is the country’s third busiest.
Now the Moody Performance Hall, Capacity 750.

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NOTES ON PART ONE

Photographs and information on SOM Buildings has been taken from many internet sites including those of SOM and Wikipedia. The latter includes a 12-page listing of about two hundred buildings, designed by SOM (including Skyscrapers, dealt with separately in Part Two, with a list of referenced publications).

There are a number of books on SOM Buildings (by date periods) under the title:

SOM Architecture of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill
1950-1960
1963-1973
1972-2008
1973-1983
1984-1996

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