BUILT WITH THE LAND, NOT ON IT

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I'd have the most delicious green eggs and ham with Jay-Z, Frank Lloyd Wright and Dr.Seuss.

As a child, I remember sitting around my parent's kitchen table with an architect designing our family's dream home.

The Beastie Boys and Little Simz are with me these days while I work in a mix of PJs and suits. A Rick Owens jacket and shirt up top, and comfy shorts for my hidden-on-Zoom-video-calls bottom half!

I'd describe my current design state of mind as future primitive! Oh … and I can make buildings disappear! The Ayla clubhouse in Jordan, where we shaped and formed the sand on site into a shelter, springs to mind. Building with the land, not on it. A great pride!

Most of my architect mentors tried to convince me to choose another career path. The famous Morris Lapidus told me that architects are like mushrooms… they get dirty and kept in the s***! His words, not mine!



↑ Ayla Golf Academy, Aquaba, Jordan, 2018. ©Rory Gardiner.