

Bjarke Ingels - bio

Bjarke Ingels is an architect and founder of the Bjarke Ingels Group – BIG – a design consultancy practicing within the fields of Landscape, Engineering, Architecture and Product design. Over 2 decades Bjarke and BIG have been contributing to the built environment with a socially, economically and ecologically sustainable approach to architecture and urbanism under the philosophy of Hedonistic Sustainability – the idea that sustainable buildings and cities not only are good for the environment – but actually increase the quality of life for the people inhabiting them. Projects such as the Copenhagen Harbor Bath and the Copenhill Resource Center, a skiable waste to energy powerplant have made this design philosophy a global term. Bjarke just broke ground on the Dryline – a 10 mile socially and environmentally resilient waterfront park that is going to protect Lower Manhattan against future flooding. BIG is building a Googles Silicon Valley HQ including the largest photovoltaic façade, the largest geothermal installation and the largest black water cleaning facility in North America. Recently NASA announced project Olympus with designs by BIG for the first human habitat on the Moon. Bjarke is an Honorary Professor at the Royal Danish Art Academy’s School of Design and Architecture and has been a visiting professor at multiple Universities including Harvard, Yale and Columbia. Bjarke has published three books chronicling the work and philosophy of BIG: “Yes is More”, “Hot to Cold” and “Formgiving”. Bjarke has received the Danish knighthood of Dannebrog and the French knighthood Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres. He was named Innovator of the Year in 2011 by Wall Street Journal and one of Times 100 most influential people in the world in 2016. With his life partner Rut Otero he is the father of 2 year old Darwin Otero Ingels.