



Capsule Hotel And The Future of Designs

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What are capsule hotel?

Capsule hotel are hotels that have a small bedroom size room known as a capsule, these capsule in the hotel are cost-efficient for those who doesn't want to accommodate the cost of an regular hotel. It is also for people who want to stay and leave for a period of time.



Who made the first capsule hotel?

Kisho Kurokawa opened the first capsule hotel to the world. He and two others named Kiyonori Kikutake and Fumihiko Maki were all members of the Metabolist Movement that had revolved in Japan in 1960. The Metabolist Movement is the idea of having something last for a period of time and in a way a new change of architectural design, hence it focuses more on the factor of natural process. The first chance he was able to show his very first capsule hotel in the 1979 Osaka Expo changes the future design of architecture and the also the influence of many of its Metabolism movement from Futurism.



Several Architectural Design done by Kisho Kurokawa



Takara Beutilion



Toshiba IHI Pavilion

The Very First Capsule to Modern Capsule Hotel



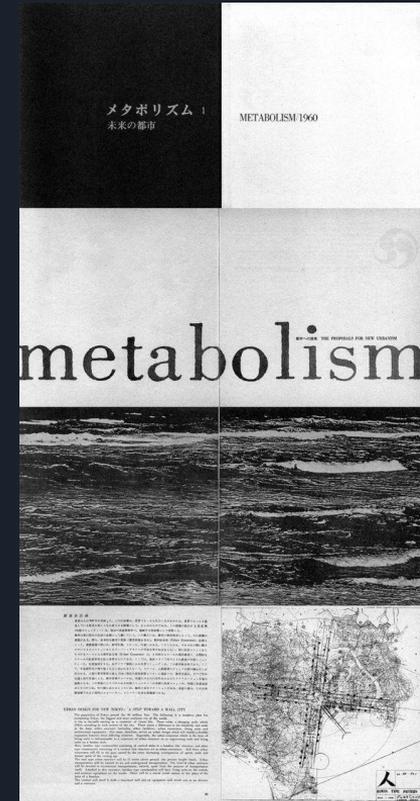
Here was Kisho's greatest invention of the first capsule hotel in 1972



This is Nine Hour, an upcoming tiny house capsule hotel model made in 2009

What is the metabolism movement?

The origin of the metabolism was found in Switzerland in 1928 to promote modernism into the design on a international world. But the creation of metabolism movement was around the 1960's to late 1970's in Japan where architectural designer such as Kisho and many other designer want to make an design in which it is more emulating and efficient for the people.



The advance of architectural design would not be there without the Bauhaus

Walter Gropius and the rest of the founding member made the Bauhaus with the intent of changing the way of Expressionism in design, with the technique of design of the Bauhaus using rigid angle with the idea of function and mass production it create a new type of art and design pattern that later implemented in the aesthetic of futuristic and metabolistic movement to create such as the capsule hotel.





Metabolism and the Relation with Futurist Movement

The relation with Metabolism was influenced by the Futurist Movement that was an art and social movement in Italy with its key figure being Filippo Tommaso Marinetti. And Giacomo Balla. Futurist Design were more neo-impressionism and cubism that would made the use of dynamic technique to create modern life. Futurist designer such as Marinetti and the other want to make the world into a modern lifestyle. The design from the architectural metabolism movement were heavily inspired from the Futurist Movement. Metabolism blends in both the futurist manifesto and the architectural theory of preservation in the factor of design make what people known today as Capsule Hotel.

Architecture in the Design Perspective of Symbol and Form

Form and symbol of architectural was always two side that side away from each other. In this case in the article. The authors argues that forms has been more changed in today's architectural works than rather improving this pre-existing work. The idea that modern architecture abandoned iconology and damage the idea of symbolism in architecture. Capsule hotel is an exception where symbolism and form were both the factor into creating such an unique architecture design that people don't use often.



Here are some modern building or capsule hotel around the 2000's

