

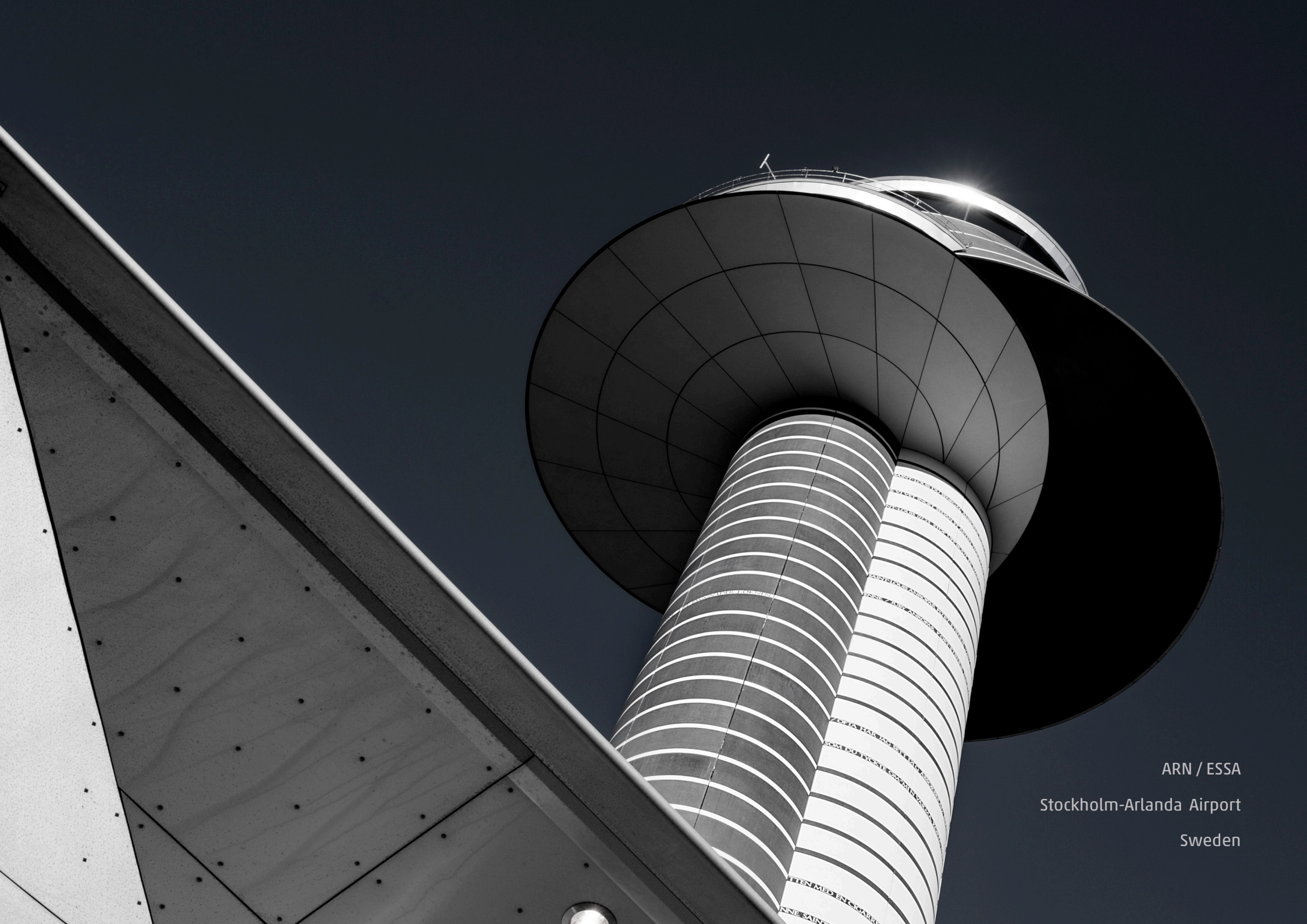
EXHIBITION OVERVIEW

# ART OF THE AIRPORT TOWER



Smithsonian  
*National Air and Space Museum*





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Stockholm-Arlanda Airport

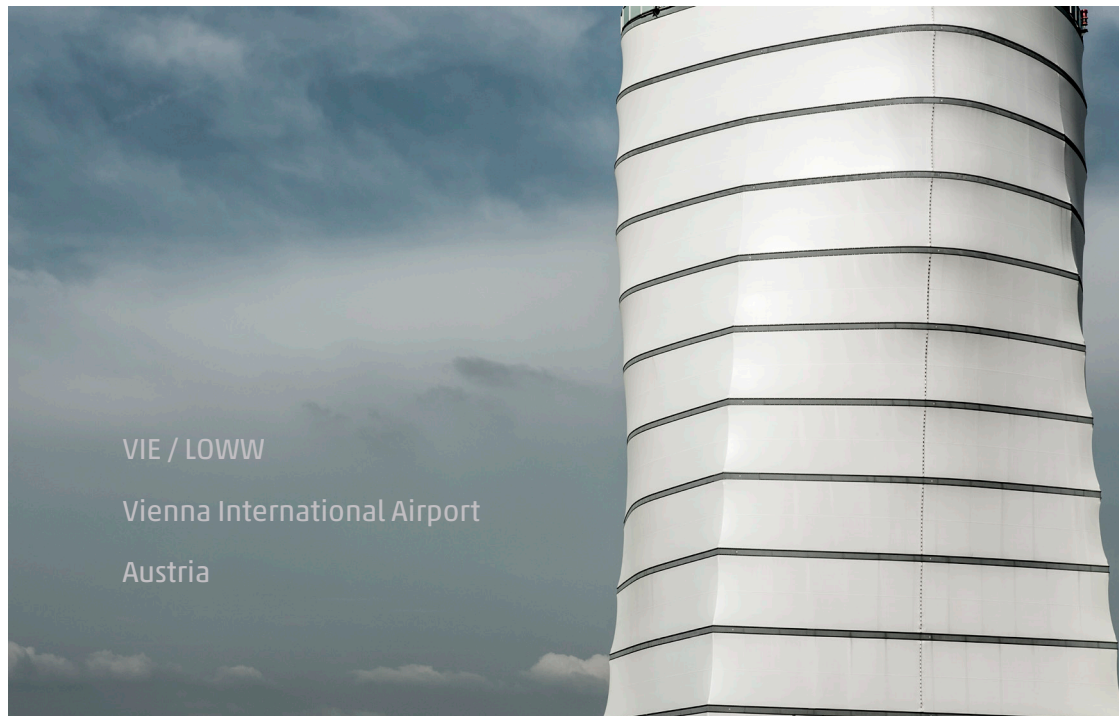
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# TRAVELING EXHIBITION

*Art of the Airport Tower* is a photographic journey to airports around the world. Smithsonian photographer Carolyn Russo explores the varied forms and functions of air traffic control towers throughout aviation history, making these ordinary structures extraordinary: more than mere aviation artifacts, they are monumental abstractions, symbols of cultural expression, and testimonies of technological change.

Fifty striking photographs, informative captions, an introduction by Smithsonian commercial aviation expert F. Robert van der Linden and an essay by the National Air Traffic Controllers Association examine the history and evolution of airport towers to contextualize Russo's work.



## Biography

Photographer and Curator, CAROLYN RUSSO, has been a photographer and museum specialist at the National Air and Space Museum since 1988. Her previous publications include *In Plane View: Abstractions of Flight* (powerHouse Books, 2007), *Artifacts of Flight* (Harry N. Abrams, 2003), and *Women and Flight: Portraits of Contemporary Women Pilots* (Bulfinch Press, 1997). Her photographs have been widely exhibited in both solo and group exhibitions in the United States, Finland, and China.

# FEATURED TOWERS

## Contemporary Towers

Aberdeen International Airport  
**Scotland, United Kingdom**  
ABZ/EGPD

Abu Dhabi International Airport  
**United Arab Emirates**  
AUH/OMAA

Bangkok-Suvarnabhumi Airport  
**Thailand**  
BKK/VTBS

Barcelona El-Prat Airport  
**Spain**  
BCN/LEBL

Bilbao Airport  
**Spain**  
BIO/LEBB

Birmingham Airport  
**United Kingdom**  
BHX/EGBB

Changi Airport  
**Singapore**  
SIN/WSSS

Dubai International Airport  
**United Arab Emirates**  
DXB/OMDB

Dubai World Central-Al Maktoum  
International Airport  
**United Arab Emirates**  
DWC/OMDW

Edinburgh Airport  
**Scotland, United Kingdom**  
EDI/EGPH

Edwards Air Force Base  
**California, United States**  
EDW/KEDW

Fort Worth Alliance Airport  
**Texas, United States**  
AFW/KAFW

Frankfurt Airport  
**Germany**  
FRA/EDDF

Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport  
**China**  
HGH/ZSHC

John F. Kennedy International Airport  
**New York, United States**  
JFK/KJFK

Kuala Lumpur International Airport  
**Malaysia**  
KUL/WMCK

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**Malaysia – Tower West**  
KUL/WMCK

London Heathrow Airport  
**United Kingdom**  
LHR/EGLL

Los Angeles International Airport  
**California, United States**  
LAX/KLAX

Newark Liberty International Airport  
**New Jersey, United States**  
EWR/KEWR

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport  
**Arizona, United States**  
PHX/KPHX

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport  
**Virginia, United States**  
DCA/KDCA

Orlando International Airport  
**Florida, United States**  
MCO/KMCO

Örnsköldsvik Airport  
**Sweden**  
OER/ESNO

Oslo Airport  
**Norway**  
OSL/ENGM

Oulu Airport  
**Finland**  
OUL/EFOU

Paris-Orly Airport  
**France**  
ORY/LFPO

BHX / EGBB

Birmingham Airport

United Kingdom





Stockholm-Arlanda Airport  
**Sweden**  
ARN/ESSA

Sundsvall Airport  
**Sweden**  
SDL/ESNN

Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport  
**Australia**  
SYD/YSSY

TAG Farnborough Airport  
**United Kingdom**  
FAB/EGLF

Vienna International Airport  
**Austria**  
VIE/LOWW

## Historical Towers

Abu Dhabi International Airport  
**United Arab Emirates**

Barcelona El-Prat Airport  
**Spain /1995**

Barcelona El-Prat Airport  
**Spain/1965**

Cincinnati Municipal Airport-Lunken Field  
**Ohio, United States**

Croydon Airport  
**United Kingdom**

East Fortune Field  
**Scotland, United Kingdom**

Floyd Bennett Field  
**New York, United States**

Ford Island, Pearl Harbor  
**Hawaii, United States**

Kingman Airport  
**Arizona, United States**

LaGuardia Airport  
**New York, United States**

Lemnos (Limnos) Hephaestus Airport  
**Greece**

Old Port Columbus Airport  
**Ohio, United States**

Paris-Le Bourget Airport  
**France**

Torslanda Airport  
**Sweden**

Turnhouse-Edinburgh Airport  
**Scotland, United Kingdom**

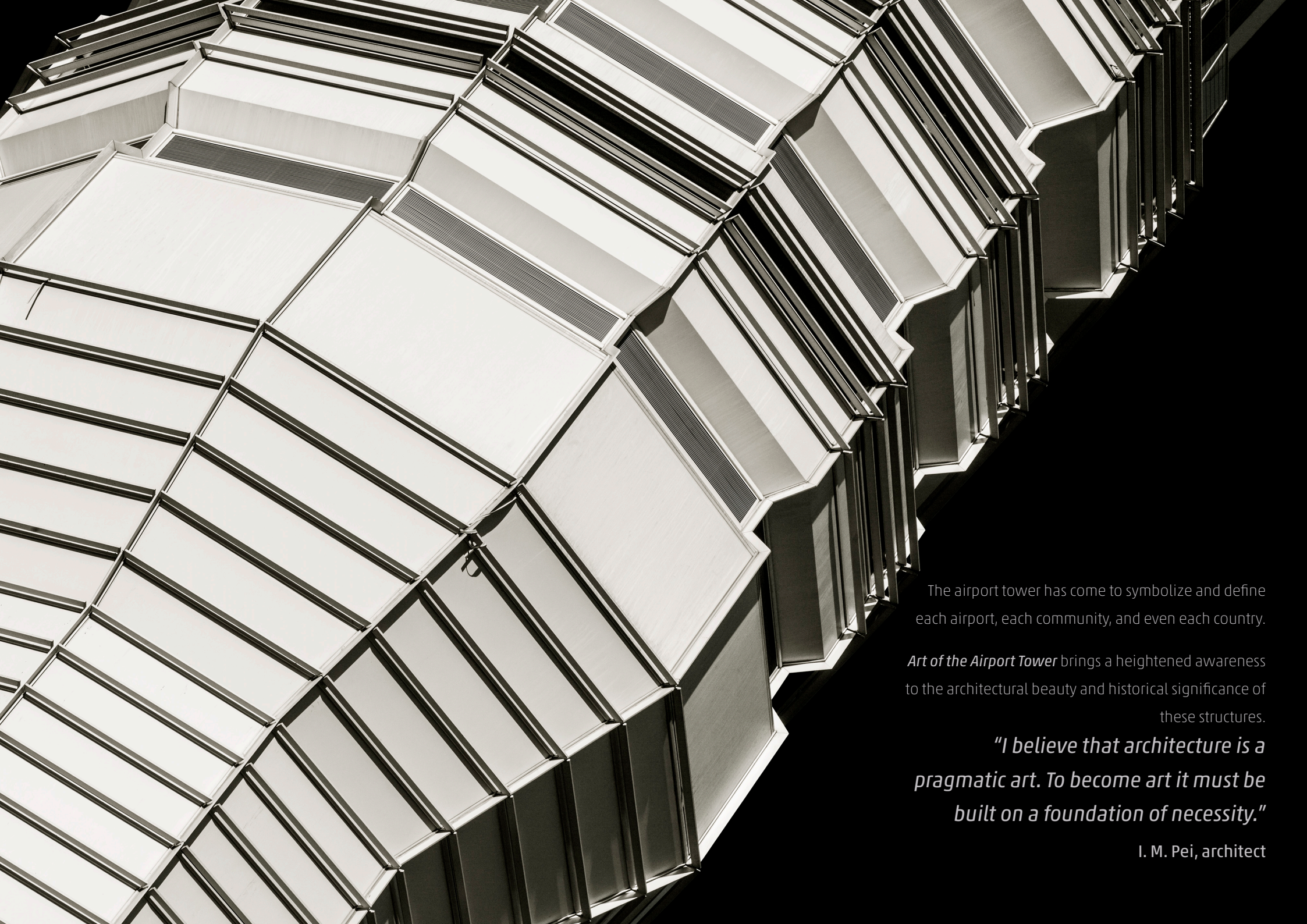
Washington Dulles International Airport  
**Virginia, United States**

Wichita Municipal Airport-Kansas Aviation Museum  
**Kansas, United States**

Wittman Regional Airport  
**Wisconsin, United States**







The airport tower has come to symbolize and define each airport, each community, and even each country.

*Art of the Airport Tower* brings a heightened awareness to the architectural beauty and historical significance of these structures.

*"I believe that architecture is a pragmatic art. To become art it must be built on a foundation of necessity."*

I. M. Pei, architect



# EXHIBITION COMPONENTS

## Components

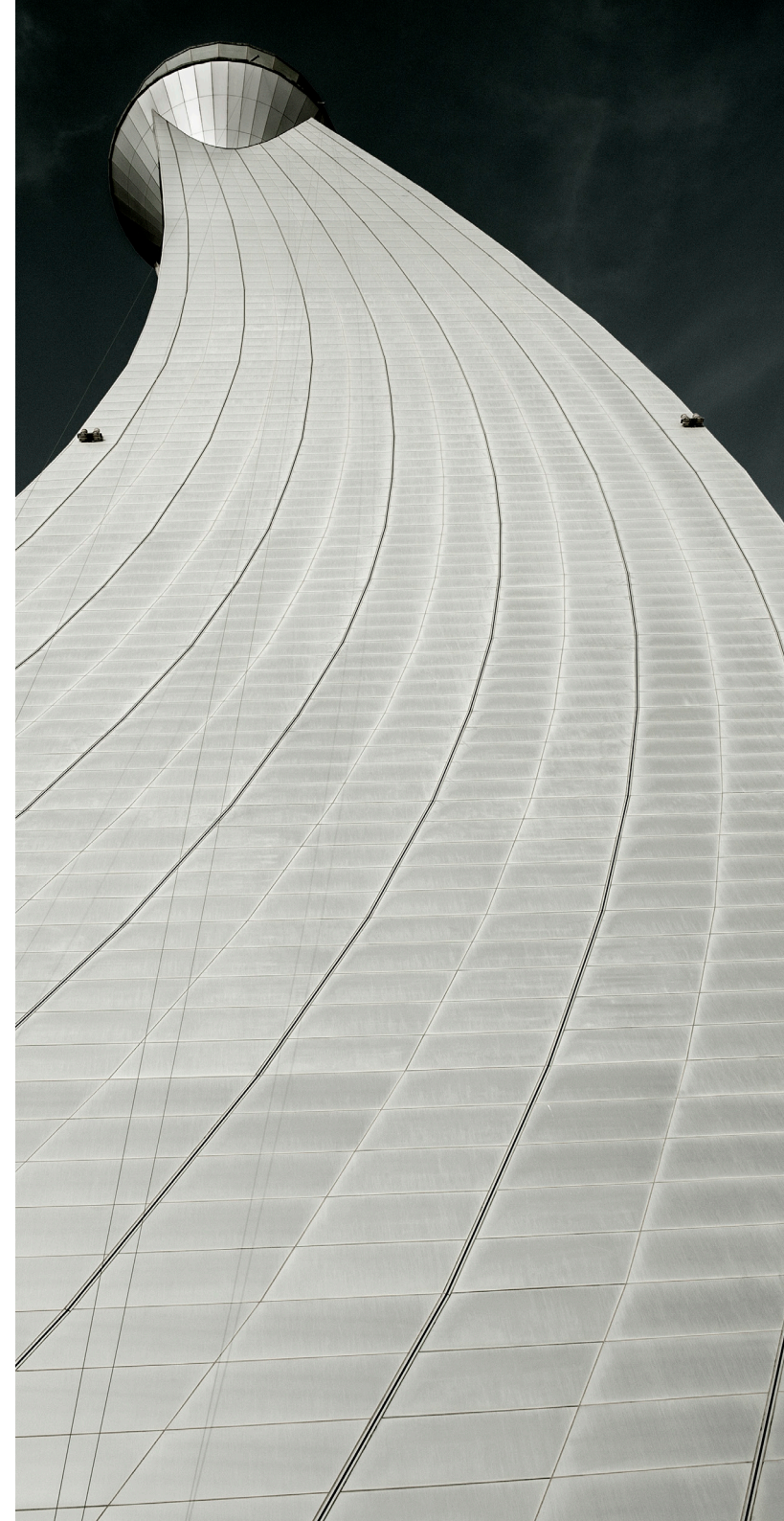
- 50 large-format framed photographs
- 50 text labels to accompany each photograph describing the airport history and / or tower description
- 6 text panels / essays

## Supplements

- Educational activity material developed by NASM Education Department
- *Art of the Airport Tower* book publication (Smithsonian Press, 2015)

## → SPECIFICATIONS

Space Required	234 running linear feet
Freight	1 x 20' Fine Art Trailer







La Guardia Airport

New York, United States

LaGuardia's Art Deco Marine Air Terminal is one of the oldest terminals in the United States. Designed by William Delano under the New Deal Work Projects Administration, it opened in 1940. The 1964 tower was designed by Wallace K. Harrison, famous for his 1939 World's Fair sculptures, Rockefeller Center, Lincoln Center, and the United Nations headquarters. The New York Times referred to the whimsically designed tower as "a design for a giant ice cream cone." In 2010 a new tower superseded the old one. The upper section of the original 46 meter (150 foot) tower was removed because it obstructed the new tower's view.





**Smithsonian**  
*National Air and Space Museum*

**The Smithsonian** Institution's collection of aviation-related artifacts began with a gift of kites from the Chinese government in 1876. During the subsequent years, the collection grew in direct proportion to the increasing number of advances in aviation, aeronautical engineering, and space flight. Today, the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., has become one of the most popular museums in the world, hosting more than 200 million visitors since it opened in 1976. The Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Virginia, which opened in December 2003, displays many more artifacts.

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*Art of the Airport Tower* was developed by The Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. The exhibition's tour is managed by Flying Fish.

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