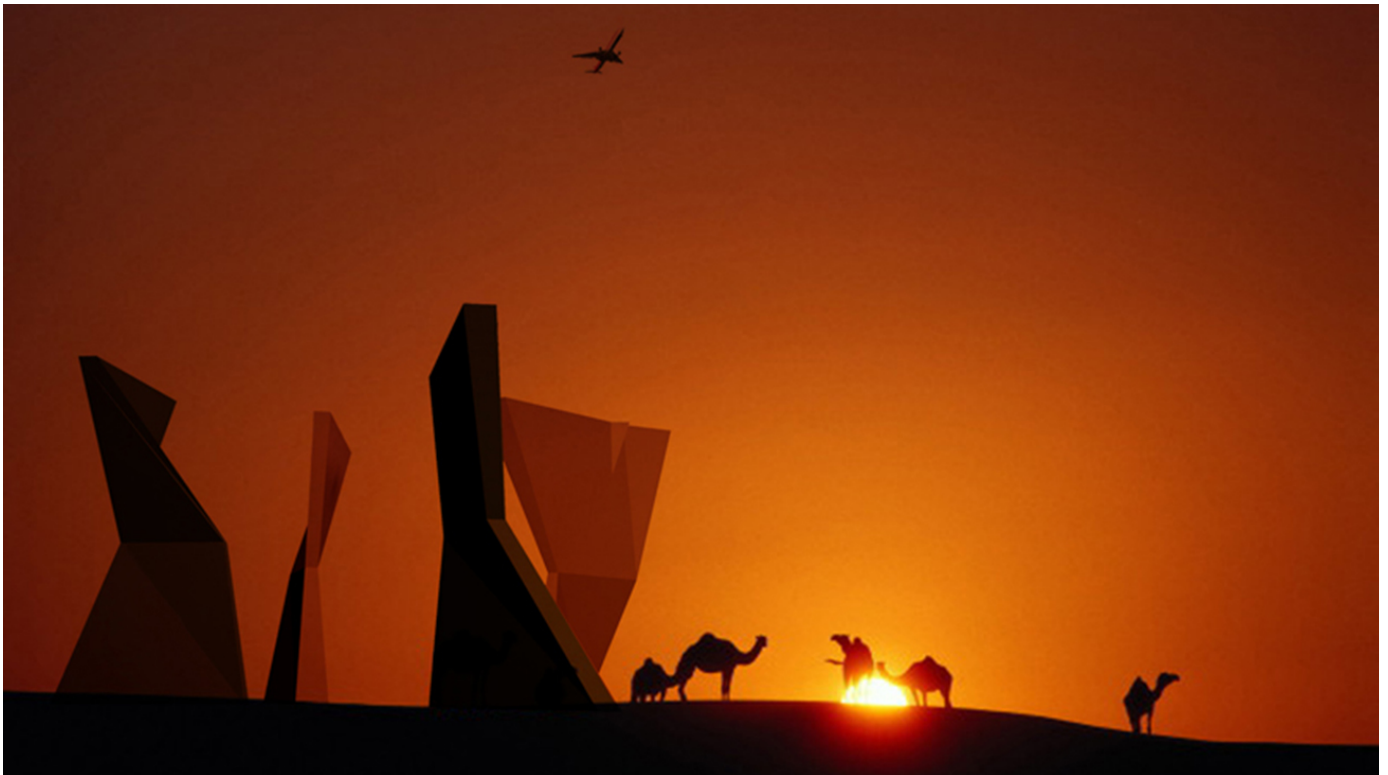


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L.E.FT | Terminal City (speculative), Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 2005. Image courtesy L.E.FT

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The firm has been recognized internationally with numerous awards, publications, and exhibitions. It was selected in 2002 for participation in the Architectural League’s Young Architects Forum and as a 2009 finalist for the MoMA/PS1 Young Architects Program.

Makram El Kadi received his BArch from the American University of Beirut and his MArch from Parsons The New School for Design. He currently teaches at Yale University. Ziad Jameledine received his BArch from the American University of Beirut and his MArch from Harvard University’s Graduate School of Design. Naji Moujaes received his BArch from the American University of Beirut and his MArch from SCI-Arc. The partners combine their architectural practice with research projects they conduct in the form of studios at several universities in the U.S.

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