

RELEASE [AEC]

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RELEASE [AEC] steps up for its 2nd edition: 25 international architecture firms to share real-world experience on AI and new technologies. More than 40 dedicated tech solution providers.

Paris, September 17, 2026 — RELEASE [AEC], the tech and AI event dedicated to the AEC (Architecture, Engineering, Construction) community, will hold its 2nd edition on October 20, 2026, from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm, at a new venue: the Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie in Paris. Notably, the date places RELEASE [AEC] at the heart of an exceptional creative and cultural week for the French capital, immediately ahead of the openings of Art Basel Paris and Design Miami Paris.

A new scale for this edition

After an inaugural edition that made Paris a key meeting point for AEC professionals, RELEASE [AEC] moves up a gear in 2026, welcoming 25 international keynote speakers from some of the world's most renowned architecture firms. Confirmed speakers include Anna Mytcul (KPF), Nitsan Bartov (Henning Larsen), Marco D'Ambrogio (Sweco Architects), Ami Nigam (Benoy), German Otto Bodenbender (BIG – Bjarke Ingels Group), Francis Baucher (Arte Charpentier), Philippe Chiambaretta and Adrien Pointeau (PCA-STREAM), François Muzard (enia architectes), Graham Ryder and Farouk Taoulilit (Viguiet), Carlos Bañón (FORMAS.AI), George Guida (xFigura), Ismail Seleit (Gendo), Délio Gaudé (Arquize), Jean-Baptiste Nicolas (Unibail Rodamco Westfield), Amir Hossein Noori (Narva), Axel Wohlin (Arkyv), and Jens Majdal Kaarsholm (Motif), as well as Heatherwick Studio.

For this edition, the organizers made a clear editorial choice: giving the floor to firms that are already putting new technologies and artificial intelligence to concrete use in their projects. No theoretical talk — only real-world experience, offering a precise picture of what is possible today, particularly in terms of efficiency gains. A unique opportunity to learn directly from the best in the field.

A human-scale spirit, even as the event grows

RELEASE [AEC] is welcoming significantly more companies this year to showcase their dedicated solutions: close to 50 companies, from leading software providers to the most disruptive startups, will run live demonstrations of practical tools attendees can apply directly to their work. For this edition, industry leaders are joining the event (Graphisoft, Trimble, Graitec, HP, BenQ, D5, ...).

True to its approach since the first edition, RELEASE [AEC] always favors hands-on demonstrations over simple presentations, so attendees leave with a clear picture of what these solutions can do today. Despite this growth, the event retains the friendly, human-scale spirit that has defined it since its first edition.

This growth reflects a broader reality: technology, digital solutions and, of course, artificial intelligence are fundamentally reshaping the way architecture and construction professionals work. This is precisely the shift RELEASE [AEC] aims to support, by showing very concretely what leading firms are already putting into practice.

Closing evening: the Architizer Vision Awards, with Thomas Heatherwick as keynote speaker

The day will close with a prestigious awards ceremony: the Architizer Vision Awards, held in partnership with Architizer, will honor the projects and creators who best embody architecture's emerging visions and practices. The ceremony will feature a keynote appearance by Thomas Heatherwick, Founder and Design Director of Heatherwick Studio, one of the most acclaimed and boundary-pushing designers of his generation.

Event details

- Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 9:00 am – 10:00 pm
- Venue: Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie, Paris
- Access: Free for AEC professionals
- Registration: release-aec.com

About RELEASE [AEC]

RELEASE [AEC] is a premium event organized by RELEASE EVENT, dedicated to digital tools, artificial intelligence and emerging technologies for professionals in Architecture, Engineering and Construction (AEC). Founded and led by Philippe Brocart, the event brings together internationally renowned architecture firms, innovative technology companies and the wider AEC community in Paris each year, around hands-on demonstrations, real-world case studies and quality networking time.

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