



# GRAND VISION

**1. Mod Pods.** While their origin may date back to 1830s England as rather facile building kits for emigrants moving to Australia, prefabricated houses — mass-produced structures built in a factory or assembled on site in a few days or weeks — have come a long way. Not only have the technical solutions become more sophisticated, but prefabs have evolved into veritable models of compelling design (often with a futuristic edge). Pick up a copy of the new **Prefab Houses** volume (TASCHEN, \$69.99) for an informative history, from the U.S and Europe to Asia and Africa, with notes on all the intricacies, including the various components and the challenges of delivering the building to the site. Also featured is a compilation of numerous one-off prefabs designed by several renowned international architects.