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Richard Economakis, School of Architecture, University of Notre Dame
Durability in Construction: Tradition and Sustainability in 21st Century Architecture

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