



SAUDI ARABIA TO GET EDEN PROJECT

UK planning and design practice Barton Willmore is to develop a 160-acre Eden Project-style tourist destination in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The centrepiece of the King Abdullah International Gardens will be a 20-acre building, formed by two interlocking crescents that will house a range of controlled environments allowing visitors to “travel through time”. The scheme, which will be primarily solar-powered, is scheduled for completion in 2010.

The image shows an aerial view of a large, circular, futuristic building structure in a desert landscape. The building is composed of two interlocking crescent shapes, creating a central courtyard. The surrounding terrain is arid and sandy, with some sparse vegetation. The building's design is highly distinctive, resembling a large-scale architectural sculpture.