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If Javier Barba hadn't followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather and become an architect, he might have been a psychologist. "An architect must work with people's spirits," he says. "It is fundamental to listen to a client and interpret his needs, and the creation of a person's living space can have a very positive effect on his life." With his nine-person Barcelona staff, Barba takes inspiration from "working internationally, learning about different architectural vernaculars, different ways of working with materials." He explains, "The way stone is worked with on Mykonos is completely different from the way it is worked in California." His concerns are not only geographic but ecological. "I don't think the next big thing will be a fashionable statement. I believe and hope that architecture will develop toward more self-sufficient buildings, made with environmentally friendly materials." For Barba himself, the next big thing is a Spanish winery project.

