

## Nurturing Conversation, Reflecting a Changing Climate

SOLAR EGG — Sweden ○ The Nordic sauna tradition has always been an opportunity for personal reflection and intimate conversation. With their Solar Egg project, located outside of the mining town of Kiruna in northern Sweden, artist duo **Bigert & Bergström** have created a sauna unlike any other. Standing five meters high and covered in panels of gold-plated steel, the Solar Egg reflects all the elements surrounding

it—the landscape, the mine, the town, the sky, the sun, and the snow—and thus creates a multiplicity of fragmented mirror images. Inside, the artists explain, the sculpture acts as “an incubator that nurtures conversation.” For a community wrestling with complicated discussions about the changing climate, the Solar Egg is both an otherworldly objet d’art as well as a place to gather and exchange ideas.

