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Smart cities could help protect people against the pandemics of the future



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A prototype of the capsule for automated transit (CAT) developed by Architecture Discipline.



Cities are going to change forever—the way people live and interact will determine the benefits of new-age cities. We spoke to five experts about these smart cities, and here's what they had to say:

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In the smart cities of the future, 'home' will be perceived in a more holistic way. It's no longer going to be a singular function space. The COVID-19 crisis has stretched the definition of home to a more multifunctional abode. Work from home is just one manifestation—in reality there will be many more sub spaces which will be needed by the end user. The challenge is not to increase the space but to design the space in a way that can accommodate these evolving requirements. The future smart cities will be defined by the flexibility of space they will provide and not the mere integration of technology. There will be integration on space, technology, function and flexibility. Flexibility will be the new currency of smart cities.

—Gaurav Sanghavi, co-founder and principal architect, Pentaspace



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