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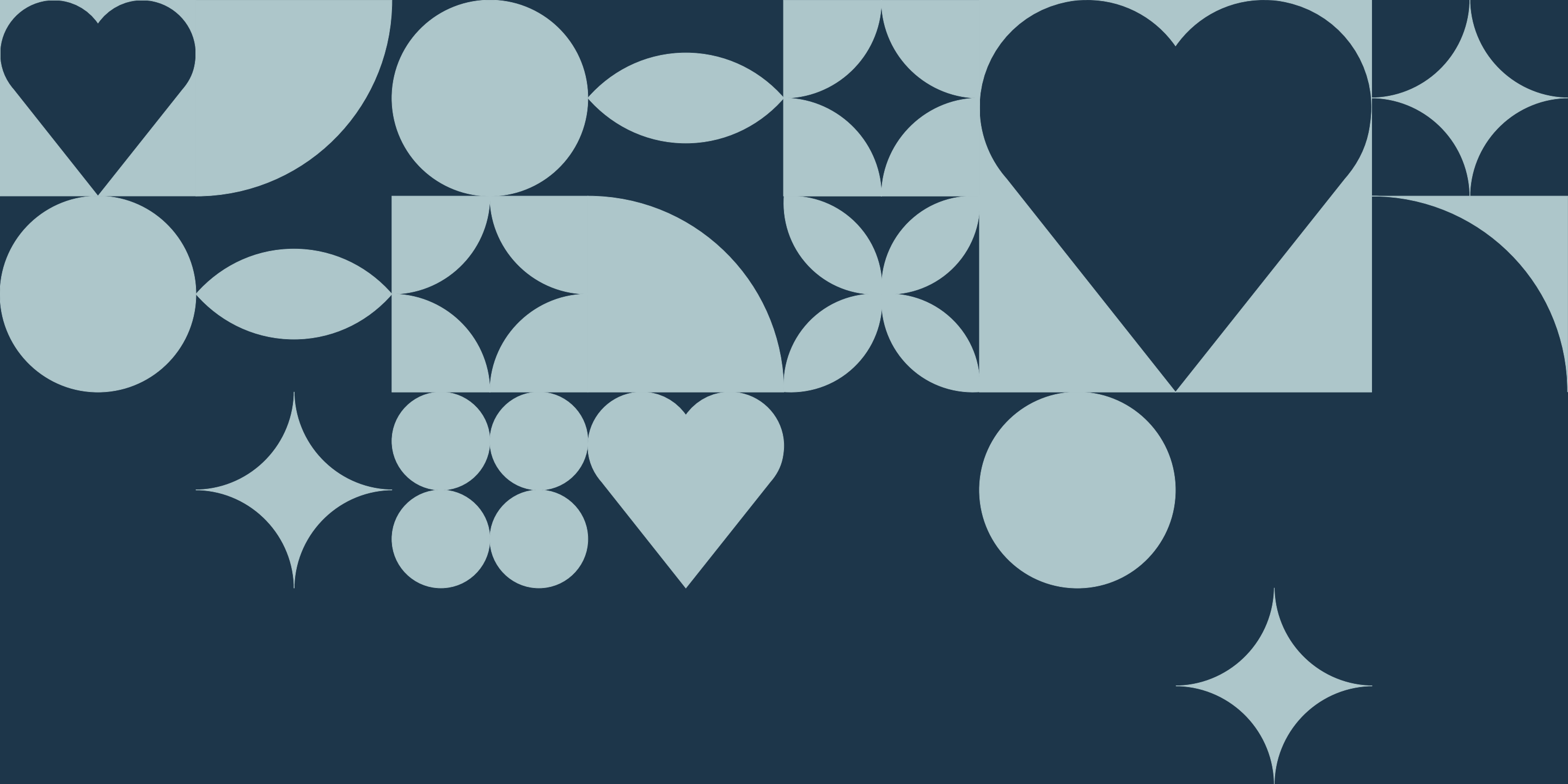
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THE
BETTER-CITIES
EVENT



**Everyone
talks about
better cities.**

**UF27 is where the
Urban Unicorns meet –
those who actually
built them.**

Welcome to
Urban Future.

THE BETTER-CITIES EVENT



Meet the world's most passionate urbanists,
city leaders and change makers all in one place.
They will be ready to inspire, share, connect,
collaborate and create.

This is not a place for passive listening.
It is a meeting point for people who test,
build, challenge, connect, and act.

250
Speakers

150
City Leaders

+2,000
Attendees

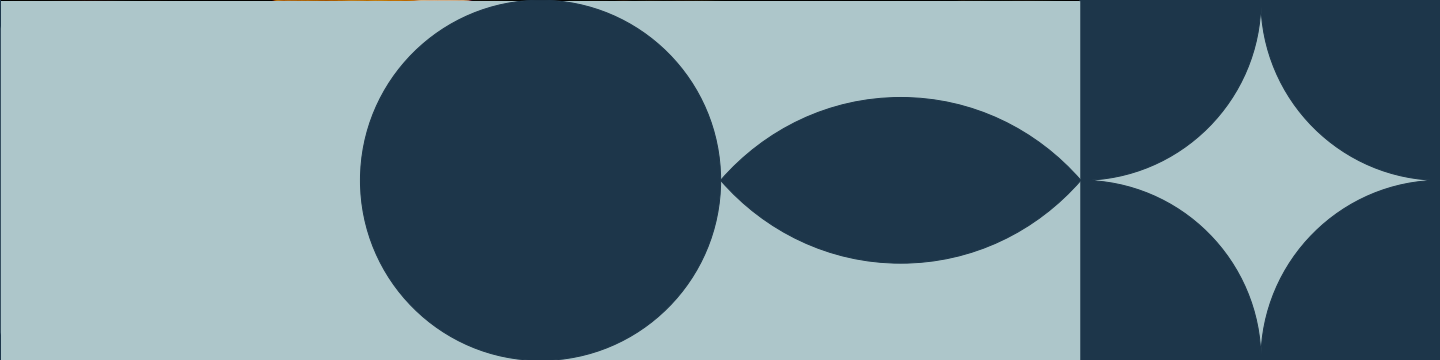
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Sessions

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Partners

30
Field Trips

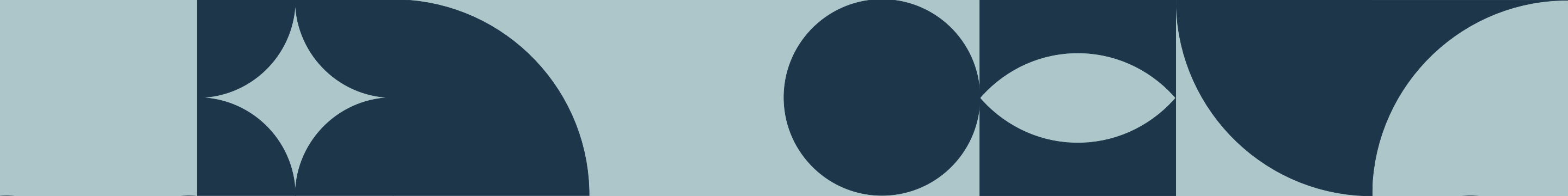


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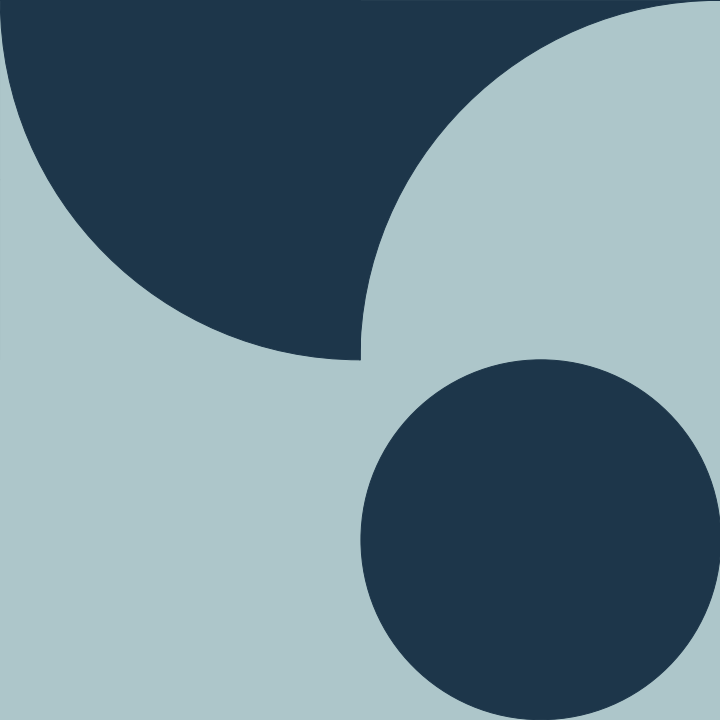


**The city,
in real life.**



About UF27

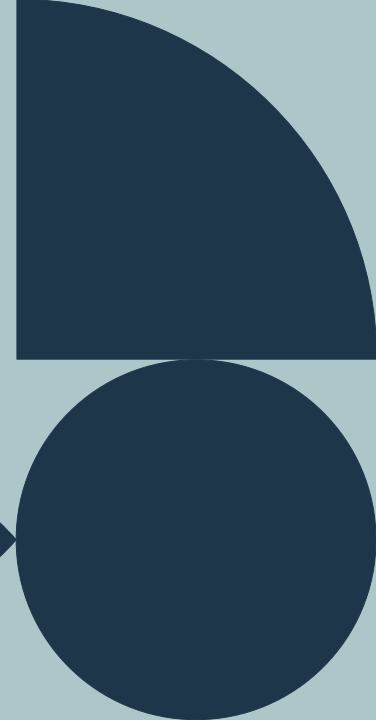
**At Urban Future in Istanbul,
we explore the questions cities cannot
afford to postpone.**



How do places prepare before a crisis hits?
How do local ideas create real change?
And how do cities build identities that are
bold, honest, and unmistakably their own?

These are not abstract conference topics.
They are real urban questions playing
out every day, from Istanbul to cities around
the world.

UF27 is about cities under pressure,
cities powered by people, and cities brave
enough to define who they are.





Theme 1

**READY
CITIES**

The header features a series of overlapping geometric shapes in two shades of blue. From left to right, there is a light blue semi-circle, a dark blue eye-like shape, a light blue semi-circle, a dark blue eye-like shape, a light blue semi-circle, and a dark blue four-pointed star.

Every city says it is prepared for disaster, until something actually happens: a devastating flood, a pandemic, an earthquake.

Real preparation is not a strategy document sitting on a shelf. It is strong public systems, clear decisions, working infrastructure, and communities that know how to act when things go wrong.

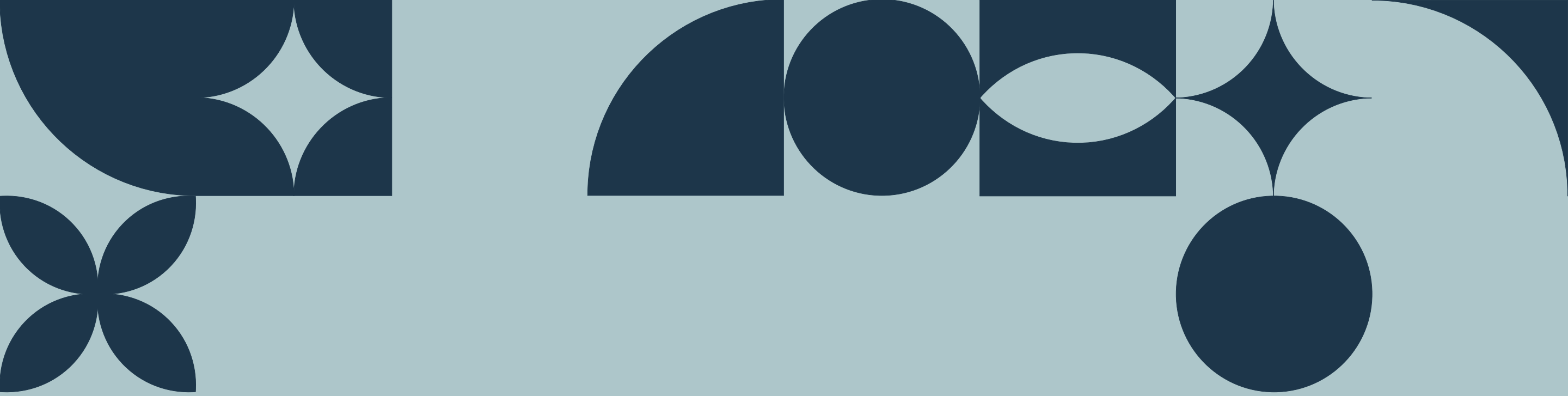
This theme looks at what cities do before disaster hits, how they respond during an emergency, and why some places recover faster than others. We will talk about risk, leadership, coordination, housing, infrastructure, and the hard choices that appear after destruction.

Because rebuilding is not only about fixing damage. It is about deciding what kind of city comes next.

Theme 2

PEOPLE- POWERED CITIES





Every city has people who see possibilities before they become plans.

They see unused spaces, unmet needs, and better ways to bring urban life to the streets, neighbourhoods, and communities around them. This theme explores how cities can unlock that energy and turn local ideas into real change.

What makes it easier for people to start, build, test, organize, and grow their ideas? How can city leaders, public institutions, businesses, and communities work together to move from potential to action?

Because cities become stronger when they do not only plan for people, but activate the power of people to help shape what comes next.



Theme 3

URBAN BRANDING



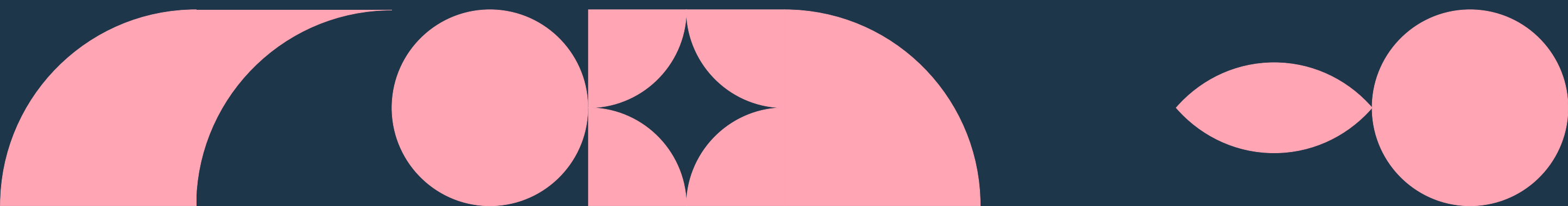


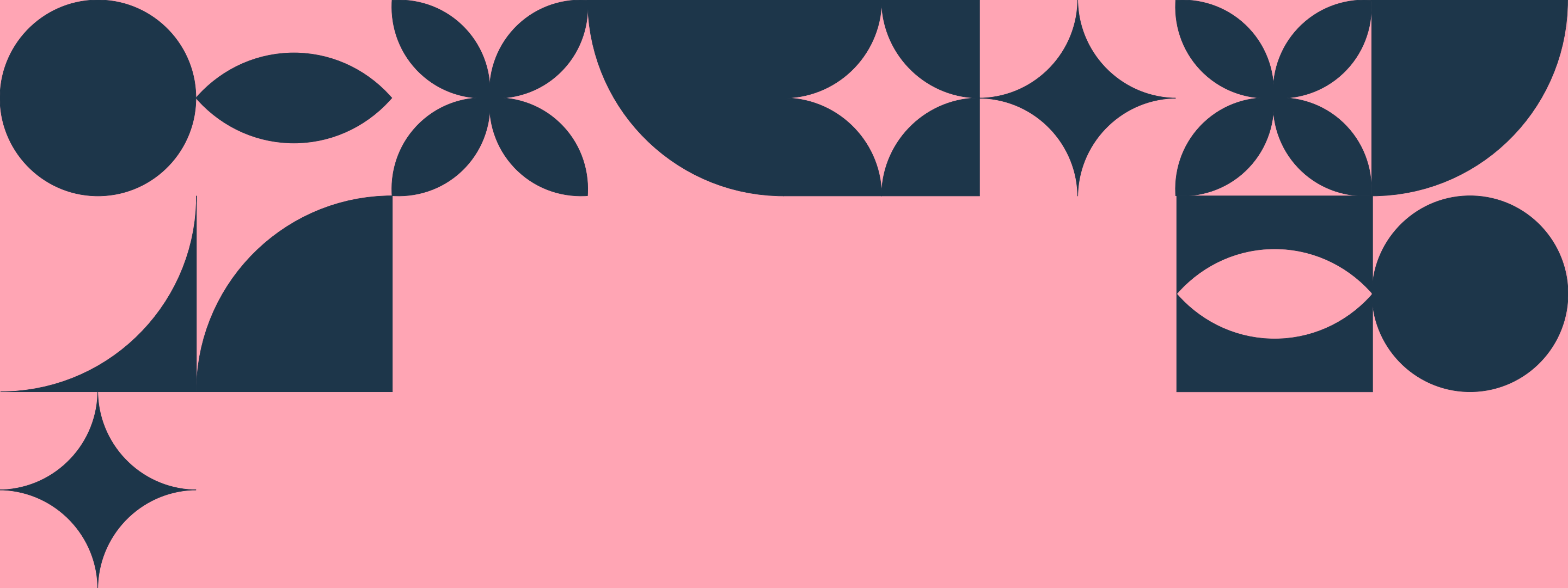
What makes some places stand out in a sea of “best places to live”?

Why do some cities attract attention, keep talent, and radiate energy while others fade into the background?

This theme explores how cities, districts, and neighborhoods build reputation and identity – much like a brand – through bold leadership, an integrative strategy, a capable administration and clear communication.

The urban transformation offers the perfect opportunity to rethink what makes a place unique – and to act on it. How? This theme will show.





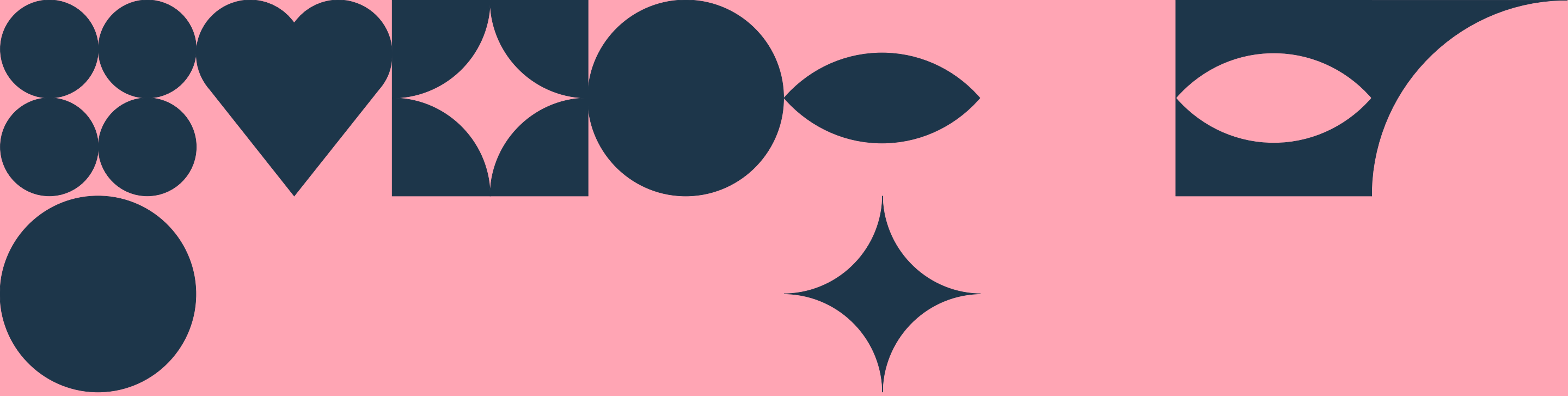
Hello Istanbul!





**Where
continents,
cultures and cities
meet.**





Few cities carry as much energy, contrast, and complexity as Istanbul. Bridging Europe and Asia, shaped by centuries of exchange, and alive with street life, creativity, and constant transformation, Istanbul is a city that never stands still.

For Urban Future, it is more than a beautiful host city. It is a powerful urban stage where questions of resilience, identity, public space, mobility, heritage, growth, and community come together in real time.

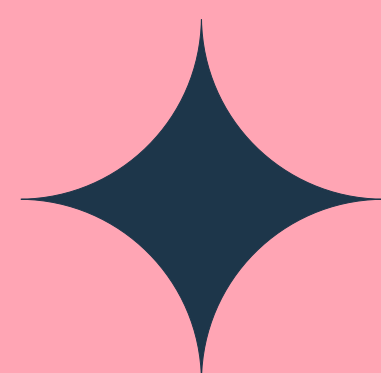
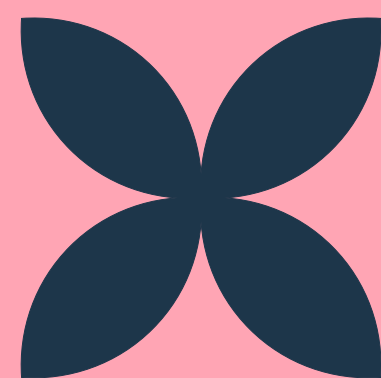
In Istanbul, the programme will not only happen on stages. It will move through streets, neighbourhoods, public spaces, waterfronts, and places where urban change can be seen, felt, and questioned.

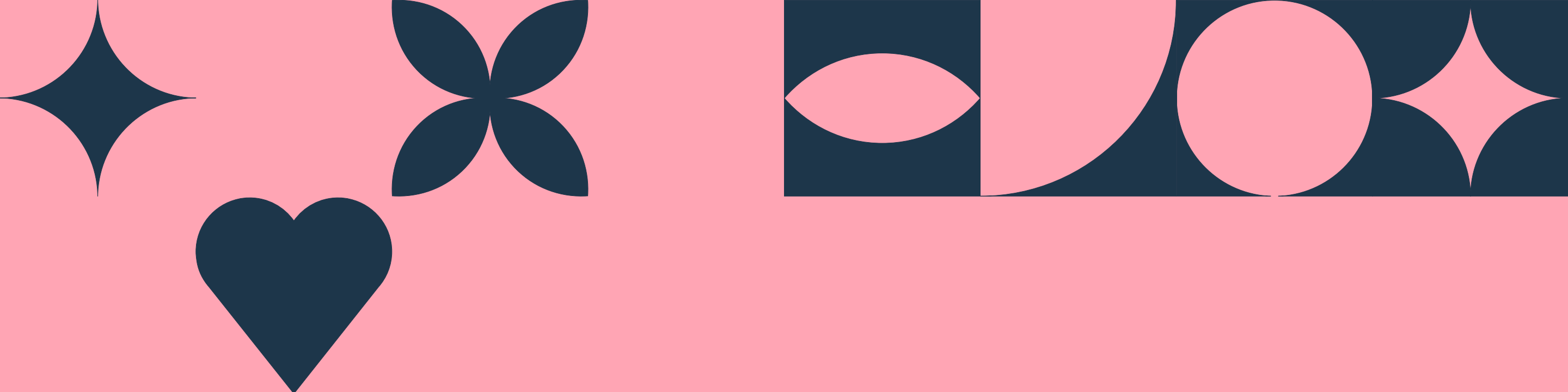
**The perfect place to explore
what better cities can become.**





**Be
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You know what UF27 needs

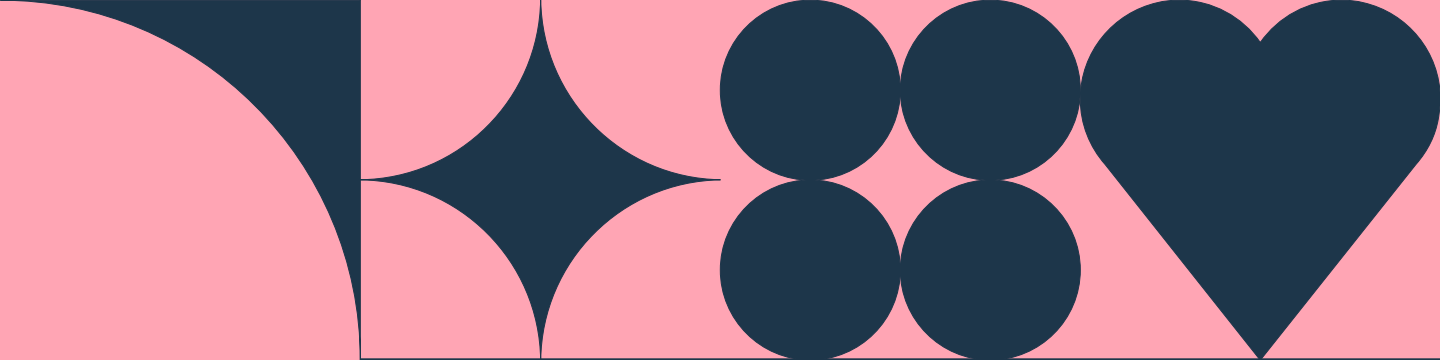
Who should be on our radar?

**Maybe it's a person with a bold story.
A place where change is already visible.
A project that made people stop and look.
Or a partner who knows how to turn ideas
into action.**

**Your recommendation can shape
The Better-Cities Event.**

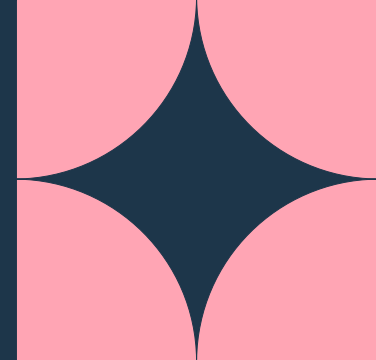
**Recommend your
urban unicorn now!**





PEOPLE

Know a CityChanger the world should hear from?



PLACES

Know a place in Istanbul that tells a powerful urban story?

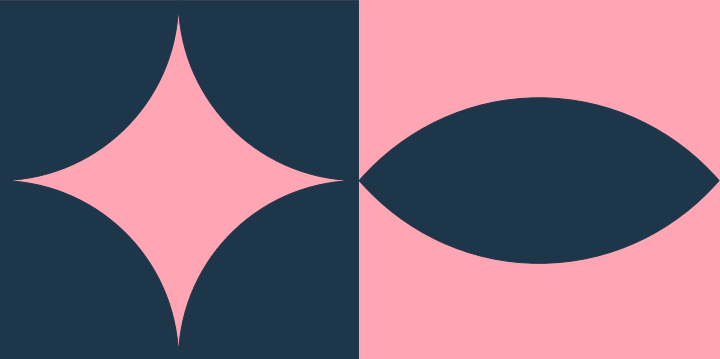


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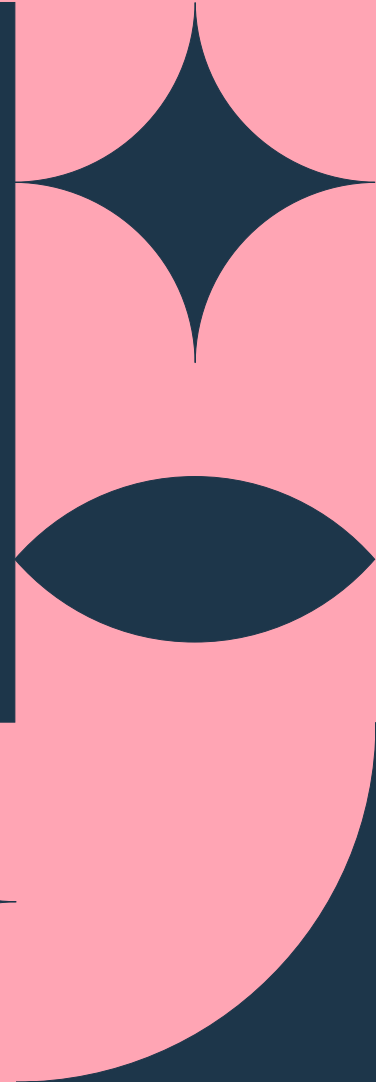
PROJECTS

Working on something cities should see, test, or talk about?



PARTNERS

Want to help shape the UF27 experience with us?



Look who's already on board.

Every organisation, every team, every person
brings something different to Urban Future.
The one thing they have in common?
They make better cities happen.

Please meet our first partners!

Laudes —
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