

# IMAGINE HOUSTON

No one knows better than Houston that with vision, hard work and the right attitude, anything is possible.

Go ahead. Walk up to a Houstonian and tell them they can't do something. Tell them that something's impossible. Throw the words "can't," "don't" or "won't" in their face. Then stand back and watch them prove you wrong. Watch the people of the Houston region make it happen when others say it can't be done. We tackle every challenge with a uniquely Houston attitude.

★ When many scoffed at the idea of carving through 50 miles of coastal swamp to create the largest, man-made shipping channel in the world, Houston did it anyway.

★ When leading edge health care was only accessible to the wealthy, Houstonians gave birth to what would become the world's largest and finest center for medial care, The Texas Medical Center—the greatest concentration of medical professionals in the history of mankind.

★ When Houston's "Good Guys" were down a 15-30 start at the beginning of the season, the Astros rallied to clinch the National League Championship for the first time in the 44-year history of the franchise.

★ When Houston lost its NFL franchise and experts said we would never bring another team to Houston, Houstonians ponied-up and landed another franchise —The Houston Texans.

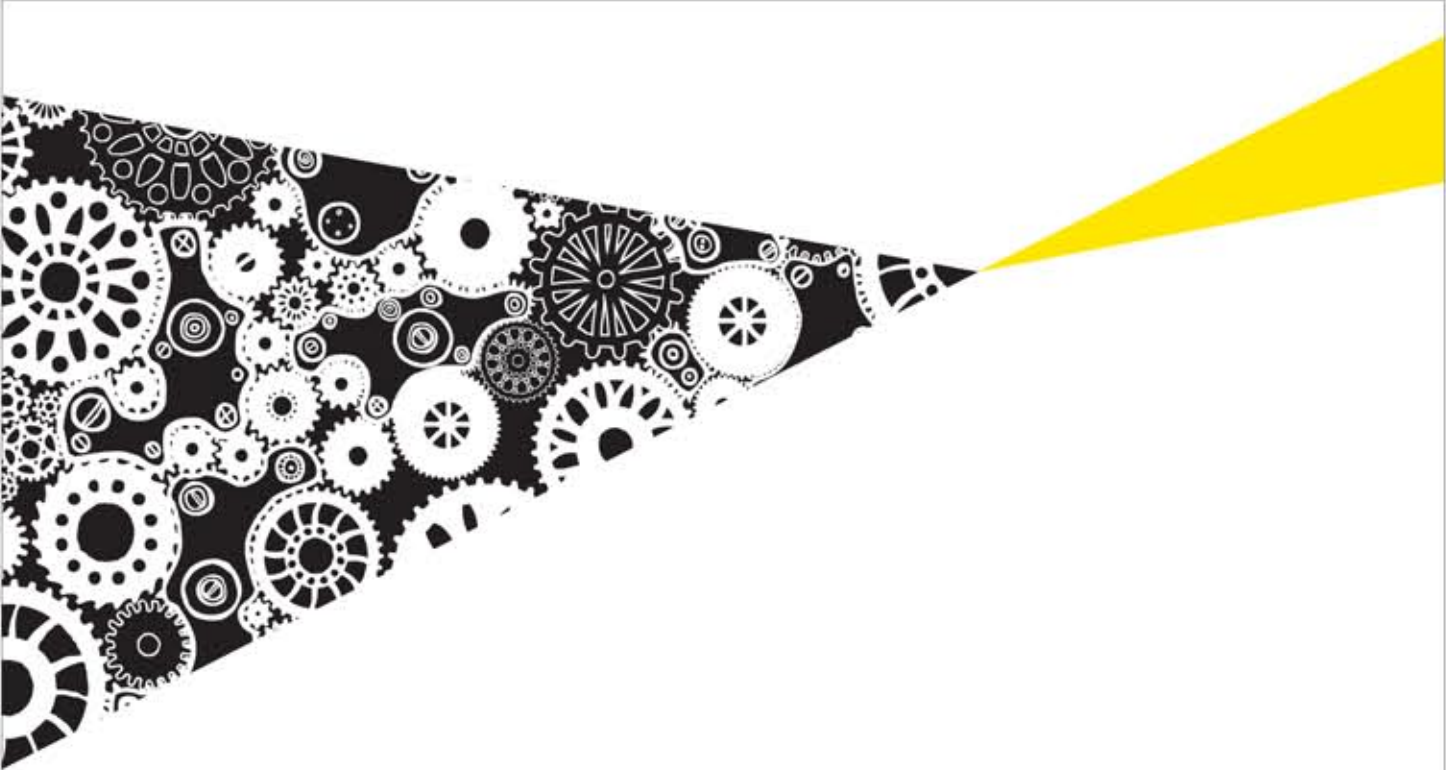
★ And, when our neighbors to the east suffered one of the nation's worst natural disasters, Houston stood tall with an unparalleled display of manpower, resources and care, bringing hope and relief to hurricane Katrina victims.

The Houston region is a vibrant metropolis with the energy, optimism and indomitable spirit of a global leader. Eccentric? Sure. Eclectic? Perhaps. Driven? Without a doubt. But while other cities and regions have nothing to offer other than tax and financial incentives, Houston stands alone with the ultimate value proposition—a proven "can-do" attitude that transforms dreams into reality. Because no one knows better than Houstonians, that with vision, hard work and the right attitude anything is possible.

## Operate in complex environments?

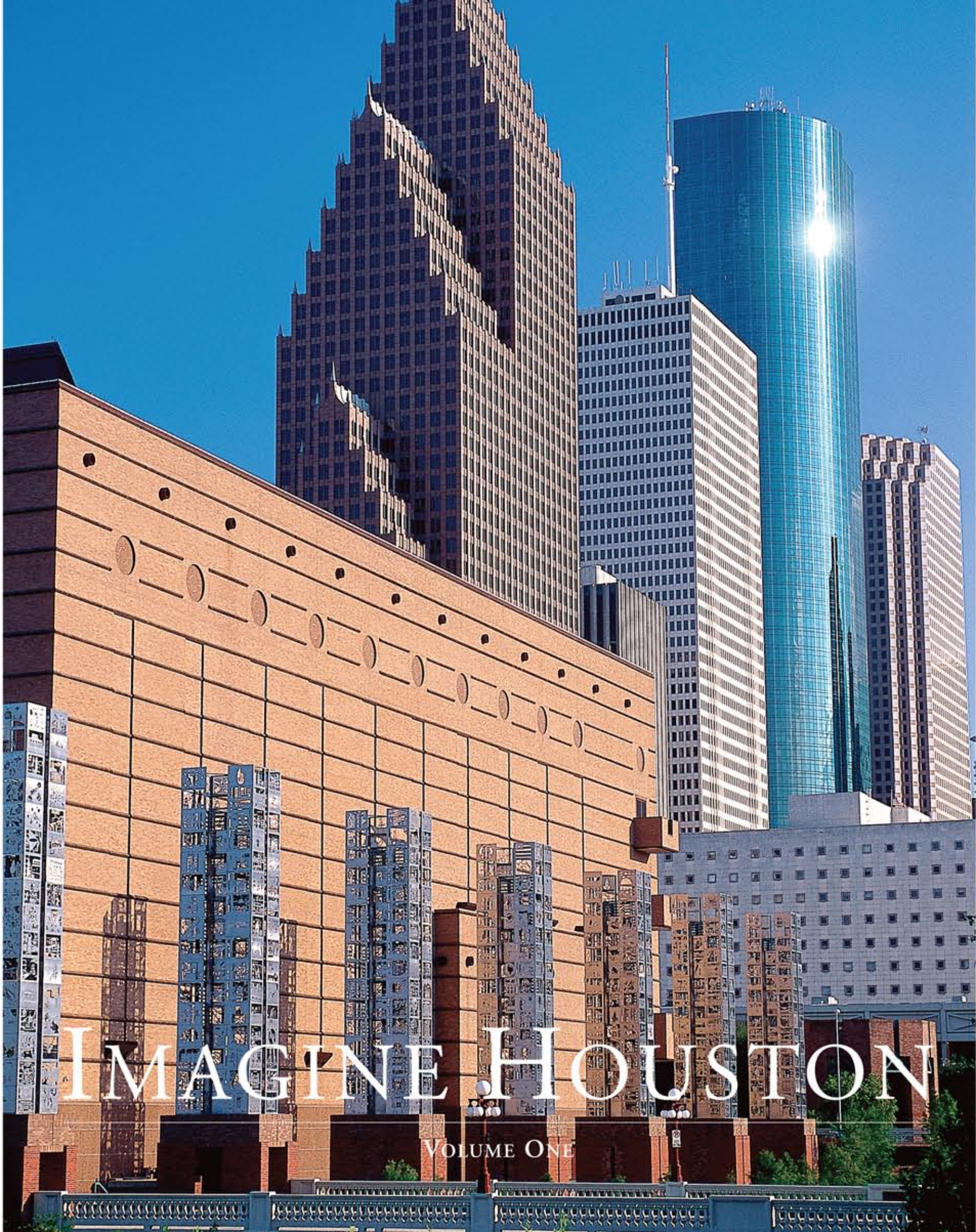
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Houston's Sesquicentennial Park welcomes visitors and locals alike to Houston's downtown district. The Seven Wonders with its 70-foot-tall pillars was designed to mark the history of Houston. The themes include agriculture, energy, manufacturing, medicine, philanthropy, technology and transportation. According to the Buffalo Bayou Partnership, each column is constructed of 150 individual children's drawings, etched in stainless steel plates. The arts in Houston is just one small example of why this region is a great place to work, live and play.

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