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Projections that nearly 70 percent of the global population will be urban by 2050. Cities face huge challenges, but they are also engines of culture, creativity and economic activity. And some are leading the way to limiting and planning for global climate change. This special issue examines the city's strengths from unexpected angles. Cover image by *Christopher LaBrooy*.