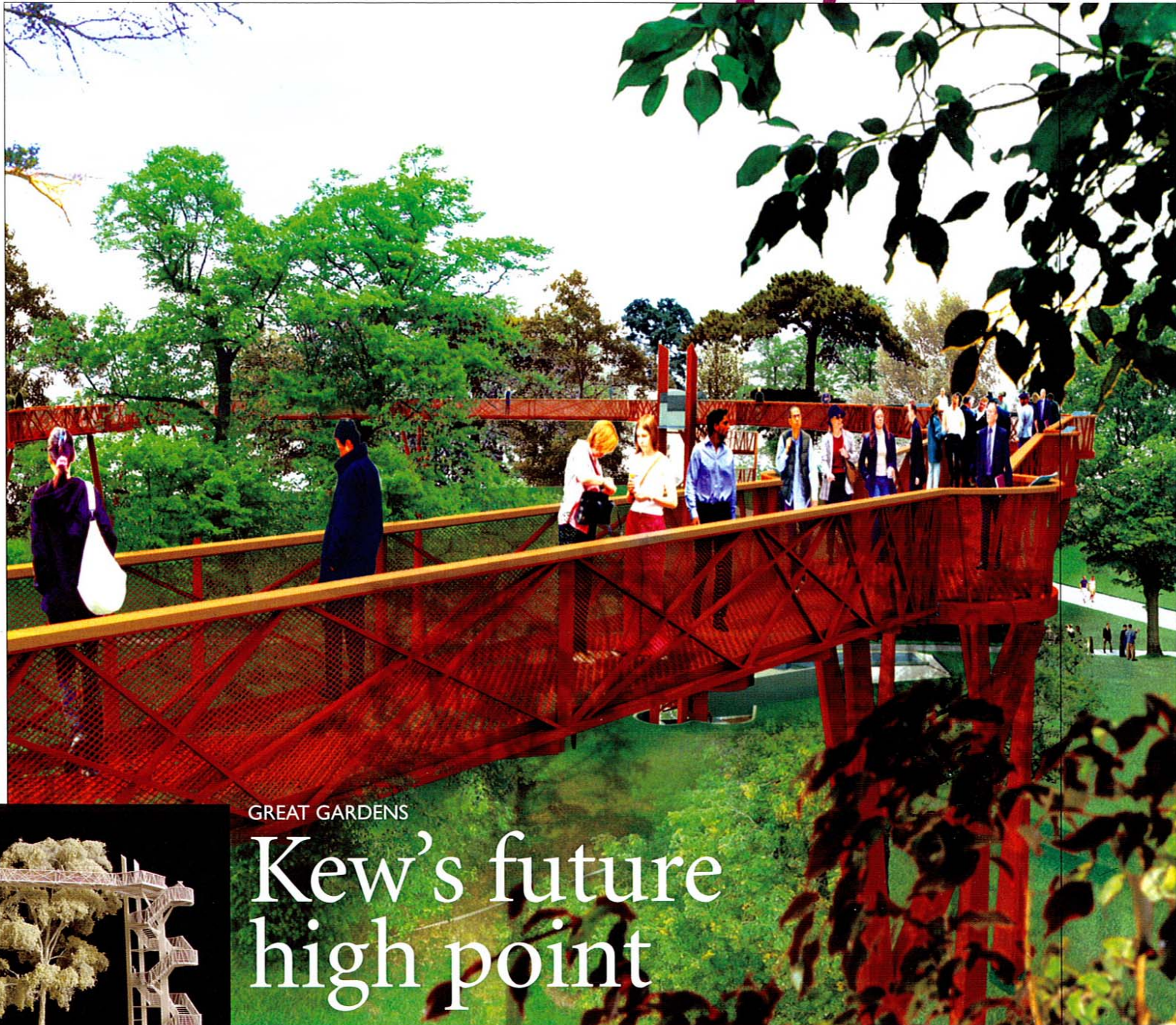


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Kew's future high point



The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, have commissioned the architects of the London Eye – the capital's iconic ferris wheel – to create another vertigo-inducing project. The 'Xstrata Treetop Walkway' is a gantry on stilts up in the tree canopy, 18m above the ground. The structure will be made of weathered Corus steel and the design is based on the so-called Fibonacci series, a mathematical pattern often found in nature. Work carried out by Marks Barfield Architects has started and is due to be completed for Kew's Festival of Trees starting in May 2008. www.kew.org

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Bugs in the big apple

An unusual weapon was deployed recently to rid two New York housing complexes of aphids – 700,000 ladybirds. The insects were supplied by Planet Natural, which specialises in ecological garden products, as an organic alternative to using pesticide in Stuyvesant Town and Peter Cooper Village.

