

Copenhagen International School Nordhavn SOLAR-POWERED SCHOOL OF THE FUTURE



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Solar-powered School of the Future

CIS Nordhavn is a new school building for the Copenhagen International School, located on a prominent site in Copenhagen's new Nordhavn district. The 25,000 m² school building is Copenhagen's largest school, and accommodates 1,200 students and 280 employees.



FACTS

Address: Levantkaj, Nordhavnen, Façades - solar panels: SolarLab Copenhagen, Denmark Energy Management: KT Electric Client: Property Foundation Aalborg and DTEK Copenhagen International School Main Contractor: Per Aarsleff (ECIS) Information and Architect: C.F. Møller Architects Communications Technologies: Landscape architect: C.F. Møller CN3 Landscape Size: 26,000 m² (1200 students) Engineer: Niras Year: 2013-2017 Façades - windows: Eiler Thomsen Alufacader











Linked with the Public Sphere

The modern educational architecture is designed to link the school premises with the public sphere in the urban environment, and give the school an open ambience. The promenade outside the school will become an urban port-side space providing opportu-nities for relaxation and various activities. The main school building is subdivided into four smaller "towers", ranging from five to seven storeys, each specially adapted to meet the needs of children at different stages of development. For example, the classrooms for the youngest pupils are particularly large: A full range of functions will take place in and around the classroom, each of which has designated green spaces and areas with drama/performance facilities, PE, etc. The subdivision of the school into four units facilitates community, identity and easy wayfinding.

A rooftop greenhouse on each tower, acting as hands-on eco-learning environments.





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All four school units are built on top of the ground-floor base, which contains common and more extrovert activities, including a foyer, sports facilities, a canteen, a library and performance facilities. The classroom units can thus be closed-off outside normal school hours, while the common areas will remain open for school and local community events.





Secure Environment

The base includes a common roof terrace which will function as a school playground for the whole school – and the youngest pupils in particular. The elevated school playground provides a secure environment, which prevents students from coming too close to the water or from straying off the school premises.









Isometric detail of solar panels 1:100

12,000 Solar Panels

The school building's unique facade is covered in 12,000 solar panels, each individually angled to create a sequin-like effect, which supply more than half of the school's annual electricity consumption. The solar cells cover a total area of 6,048 square meters, making it one of the largest building-integrated solar power plants in Denmark, estimated to pro-duce over 200 MWh per year.

In addition to contributing to the school's green profile, the solar cells also form a per-manent part of the school's curriculum, allowing students to monitor energy production and use data in physics and mathematics classes.





Company Profile

C.F. Møller Architects is one of Scandinavia's leading architectural firms, with 90 years of award-winning work in the Nordic region and worldwide.

Every day we create architectural quality based on innovation, experience and Nordic values. This assures sustainable and aesthetic solutions with lasting value for clients, occupants and society.

A UNIQUE DESIGN APPROACH

Our design solutions are methodically and holistically created following a rigorous analysis of the local context. We look to set new global standards by fostering a design approach which uniquely integrates urban planning, landscape, architecture and design of specific building components.

We regard environmental concerns, resource-consciousness, healthy project finances, social responsibility and good craftsmanship as essential elements of our work. This ethos is fundamental to all our projects, a thread which runs from masterplanning to detail design.

Since our founding in Denmark in 1924, we have contributed significantly to the development of welfare societies in Scandinavia and the rest of the world. We are continuously recognised and awarded internationally for setting new architectural standards, due to our strong focus on the functional, artistic and social value of architecture.

Today C.F. Møller has app. 300 employees. We have offices in Aarhus, Copenhagen, Aalborg, Oslo, Stockholm, Malmö, London and Berlin.



Core Values

VISION

Our vision is to improve life for people and planet.

MISSION

Our mission is to holistically create solid, quality solutions based on Nordic values adapted to future global challenges.

ASPIRATION

We aspire to be global influencers by caring for the local context based on innovation, quality and sustainability.

PROMISES

We promise longevity and clever solutions in everything we create by delivering design that can pass the test of time and serve both clients and users with great value from start to finish.

SPIRIT

Our company team spirit is based on simplicity, clarity, honesty, openness and passion.

VALUES

Our values are strongly focused on professionalism, credibility, quality, innovation, agility and loyalty.



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