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Copenhagen is considered to be one of Europe's leading cities in regards to quality of life and sustainability. The Danish capital has a dynamics that is reflected in the urban environment: over the past couple of years a range of public buildings and spaces, infrastructure and entire quarters have been developed whose architecture and urban planning are in many aspects exemplary. The future of the city is already being implemented today, with clear targets and the concept of an urban community based on solidarity.

København - Urban Architecture and Public Spaces, the latest title from the Edition DETAIL series, examines Copenhagen's quality of life by looking at the built environment. It presents a selection of more than 25 exceptional buildings and public places that have been created over the past ten years. The book is divided into four chapters: public spaces, sport and recreation, culture and education, and living are the decisive building blocks for the ongoing process that Copenhagen is successfully using to reinvent itself and for looking into the future. Essays on larger developments such as the revitalisation of the harbour area or the cycling infrastructure complete the project overview and provide insight into the topics for which Copenhagen stands. In addition, Dan Stubbergaard von Cobe, Kim Herforth Nielsen from 3XN and Dorte Mandrup give their critical take on the visions for the city in interviews. These three, alongside a number of other Danish architects presented in the title, have become internationally renowned for their projects which they are realising all over the globe: Danish architecture is currently riding a high. Those interested in the origins of this success and who want to understand the concept of architecture as enriching public spaces should take a look at the urban architecture and the public spaces that have been created in Copenhagen over the past couple of decades. This volume presents not only insights into Copenhagen's architecture scene, but also a portrait of a forward-looking city and its in many ways exemplary current building events from which many metropolises could learn.



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