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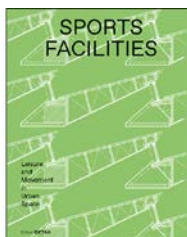
### Leisure and Movement in Urban Space

Gone are the days in which the typically multi-purpose school gyms located somewhere on the outskirts of town are the first thing to come to mind when one mentions sports facilities. Nowadays a growing number of sports facilities are developed which are not only designed with an unusual concept and integration into the urban context, but which also provide a significant and aesthetic contribution to their surroundings - all the way to facilities placed on rooftops or situated within office or residential buildings. This is not least due to the growing level of importance that recreational sports has reached in our society: the types of sports and activities have become more diverse, the requirements are more individualised and exercising is more than ever a part of daily routine - all of which affects and changes the architecture. Add to this the fact that building sites in cities are becoming scarce, and unconventional concepts are the result. Architects are therefore required to find new solutions for this increasingly demanding and multilayered building task.

The publication *Sports Facilities. Leisure and Movement in Urban Space*, from the Edition DETAIL series, introduces fifteen current projects that are distinguished by the quality of their construction, integration in the urban context and objectives. The spectrum of examples from all over Europe ranges from school gyms to urban open spaces that can be used by anyone at any time. It presents, for example, complex mixed-use concepts that combine the activity zones with residential apartments, shops or offices. Constructions like these raise the question of structural design and soundproofing. And they also define what kinds of materials are necessary for what type of construction, how daylight can be brought into the area or how the facilities can be opened up to the outdoors and joined with open spaces. And then there is also the question, how sports facilities and movement can be incorporated into the urban environment instead of banning them to (in the eyes of investors) unattractive locations.

The title is split into four chapters along the topics of mixed-use, outdoor, light and construction. Introductory essays by renowned authors address the subject from different perspectives: they examine issues of planning, construction, historic and social questions as well as aspects of sports and exercise in today's everyday urban life. All projects in this volume on the typology of sports facilities are comprehensively documented through photos and describing texts as well as floor plans and 1:20 scale detailed construction drawings and can therefore provide valuable inspiration for architects who are confronted with this new kind of building task.

A typology on affordable housing which shows the same level of detail has already been published in the Edition DETAIL series, and a volume on school buildings is currently in planning.



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