

BLOX facts

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Facts about BLOX

BLOX is much more than a building; it is a new destination on Copenhagen's harbour front located in between Langebro bridge and the Black Diamond building, which houses the Royal Library. The complex includes new public spaces, a harbour promenade, bridges, a café/ restaurant with canal-side terrace, a fitness centre, apartments and the city's coolest playground for young and old. BLOX is funded and built by the private association Realdania with the ambition of creating a magnet for urban life. Together with new bridges BLOX will turn the area into a key part of Copenhagen's infrastructure, especially for pedestrians and cyclists.

The building forms the venue for the Danish Architecture Center's exhibitions and activities and for BLOXHUB, an urban innovation hub that brings together companies, organizations and researchers to co-create solutions for better cities.

- BLOX is a building surrounded by urban spaces, a pedestrian bridge across Frederiksholms Kanal and the future bridge Lille Langebro (for bicyclists and pedestrians) between BLOX and Christianshavn.
- The Danish Architecture Center occupies a central position in BLOX and offers world-class exhibitions, guided tours, events, a design shop, a cafe and conference facilities.
- BLOX is also the setting for BLOXHUB, an urban innovation hub that brings together companies, organizations and researchers to co-create solutions for better cities. BLOXHUB is founded on the belief that the challenges of global urbanization and climate change require a collaborative approach.
- Restaurant with outdoor seating, playground, fitness centre and 22 rental apartments on the building's top floors.
- Fully automated underground car park with room for 350 cars.
- Low-energy building fitted with solar cells and connected to district cooling provided by HOFOR – Greater Copenhagen Utility.
- The plot previously had a high plot ratio and was the site of Kongens Bryghus (the King's Brewery), among other buildings. The buildings on the plot burned down in 1960, and until 2006, when Realdania By & Byg bought it from the City of Copenhagen, it was used as a playground and a privately operated, temporary car park.
- The City of Copenhagen and Realdania are working together to develop the area around BLOX.
- The groundbreaking for BLOX took place in May 2013, and the building opens officially in May 2018.
- The new bridge Lille Langebro is planned to open in autumn 2018.

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BLOX in figures

- The building has a total floor space of 27,000 m², 17,000 m² of it above ground.
- There are six storeys above ground and five below ground.
- The building footprint is 74 m x 75 m.
- The building height is 26 metres above terrain, matching the surrounding buildings.
- The recreational outdoor spaces and playground areas make up 5,500 m².

Who designed and built BLOX?

- BLOX is built and funded by the philanthropic association Realdania.
- Realdania's subsidiary, Realdania By & Byg, is the client for BLOX and is the owner of the building.
- BLOX is designed by the world-famous Dutch firm OMA under the leadership of Partner/Director Ellen van Loon. OMA (Office for Metropolitan Architecture), which was founded by Dutch Rem Koolhaas, is one of the world's leading firms when it comes to combining theoretical practice with a playful, novel and dialogue-oriented approach to architecture.
- Arup and COWI are the engineers for BLOX.
- Züblin is the general contractor for BLOX, assisted by a large number of competent sub-contractors.
- Lödige delivered the fully automated underground parking facility.
- Metallbau Früh delivered the facades.
- Gehl Architects conducted a number of urban-space studies that made valuable contributions to the development of BLOX as a new destination in Copenhagen.
- The Lille Langebro bridge is designed by an international team headed by the British company BuroHappold Engineering in cooperation with the architectural offices WilkinsonEyre and Urban Agency.
- The turnkey contractor for Lille Langebro is a joint venture between Mobilis Danmark and Hollandia Infra.

You can find additional information at www.blox.dk

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Realdania

Realdania is a philanthropic association with approximately 150,000 members. The association seeks to improve quality of life through the built environment, defined as the physical settings for our everyday life. Realdania is focused on both living and future generations and seeks to promote sustainability and generate new knowledge and innovation. Since 2000, Realdania has supported more than 3,350 projects with a total of DKK 18.2 billion (2.4 billion €). Anyone in Denmark who owns real estate can become a member.



Danish Architecture Center

The Danish Architecture Center is Denmark's meeting place for architecture, design and urban culture. Here, everyone is invited to take part in inspiring knowledge, experiences and fresh perspectives on architecture's potential to improve living conditions for the many. The Danish Architecture Center occupies a central position in BLOX and offers world-class exhibitions, guided tours, events, a design shop, a café and conference and teaching facilities.

The Danish Architecture Center opens at BLOX in May with the exhibition 'Welcome Home'. The exhibition is a kaleidoscope of different angles on Danish homes and housing dreams – from the historical shifts that have shaped the way we live, via current challenges that raise questions about the way we live today, to artistic and technological visions for our future dwellings.

Opening hours: Every day 10 AM – 6 PM, Thursday 10 AM – 9 PM

Admission: DKK 110. Children are free.

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BLOXHUB

BLOXHUB is an urban innovation hub that brings together companies, organizations and researchers to co-create solutions for better cities. BLOXHUB is founded on the belief that the challenges of global urbanization and climate changes requires a collaborative approach between tech, architecture, design, construction and research. With members such as Gehl Architects, C40 Cities, Institute for Urban Economic Research, WSP and The Danish Architecture Center, BLOXHUB is set to be a Nordic launchpad for the future of urban solutions.

BLOXHUB is located in the heart of Copenhagen, Denmark, one of the most inspiring urban environments in the world. Here, the members develop global solutions with a Nordic approach – that cities should be created for people.

fitness dk

fitness dk is a nation-wide fitness chain. The BLOX location is a good match for the chain's high standards. The BLOX fitness centre has a unique view of Copenhagen Harbour and offers outstanding workout experiences and facilities with a sauna and a steam bath. The activities here range from Gravity Pilates and yoga to functional training and cycling on Tomahawk bikes that use Coach by Color technology based on individual watt calculations.

BLOXEATS

BLOX EATS unites food, meals and people in a new way. It serves as a cafe and restaurant for the general public, as well as a daily canteen for the employees and guests of BLOX. On the ground floor and on the canal side terrace, one can enjoy micro roasted coffee and signature bakery items from Meyers. In the first floor restaurant, there are several food stations, which change by the week and season. The food is inspired by different world kitchens and based on a passion for taste, creativity and sustainability. BLOX EATS is operated by Meyers.