

## Mountain Dwellings: Category Winner of World Architecture Festival 2008



Looking at the splendid photos of this building, what would you imagine? Is it a public building or a residential building? Or else?

Named as Mountain Dwellings, this building is located in the Orestad, 33.000 m<sup>2</sup>, a new urban development in Copenhagen, Denmark. It contains housing (1/3) and parking (2/3) in combining successfully the splendours of the suburban backyard with the social intensity of urban density. Its visual appearance is stunning. The nice architecture design and success construction have enabled it to be the Category Winner of World Architecture Festival 2008 (<http://www.worldbuildingsdirectory.com/project.cfm?id=755>).

What makes this project comfortable for living is that the parking area is connected to the street, and all apartments have roof gardens facing the sun, amazing views and parking on the 10th floor. The Mountain Dwellings appear as a suburban neighbourhood of garden homes, floating over a 10-storey building - suburban living with urban density. The residents of the 80 apartments will be the first in Orestaden to have the possibility of parking directly outside their homes. The gigantic parking area contains 480 parking spots and a sloping elevator that moves along the mountain's inner walls. In some places the ceiling height is up to 16 meters which gives the impression of a cathedral-like space.

The color design from facade to floor during the day and during the night makes the building unique from architectural point of view. Sika contributed in the decorative colour design of Mountain Dwellings. Its app. 17.000m<sup>2</sup> parking area has been painted with Sikafloor-161/325/358, and all the parking bays was coated with SikaCor-EG5 and slightly broadcasted with black bauxite. This was a job our danish colleagues had together with a danish contractor "Decorativa". Thanks to our excellent decorative flooring systems which designed especially for the use commercial and residential buildings, colour, comfort and easy maintenance including the lowest VOC emission can be combined to fulfil the needs of the architecture design and the sustainable daily use.

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Client: HØPFNER A/S, Danish Oil Company A/S  
Architect: BIG - Bjarke Ingels Group, Denmark

**Contractor: Decorativa, Denmark.**  
**17.000 sqm parking surface**

