

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Gottlieb Paludan Architects becomes part of ÅF**

**The engineering and design company ÅF acquires ownership of Gottlieb Paludan Architects which will continue as an independent architectural company and assume a distinctive role in ÅF's strengthened focus on architecture and design.**

As of 1 January 2018, ÅF has acquired the ownership of the architectural company Gottlieb Paludan Architects. ÅF has a declared strategy to strengthen its business significantly within the areas of architecture and design, and it saw Gottlieb Paludan Architects as an ideal partner in this endeavour. Both companies have long Nordic traditions focusing on development of projects within infrastructure, mobility, energy and industry – and both companies have enjoyed great success in recent years.

Kristian Hagemann, CEO of Gottlieb Paludan Architects, says: *"We are delighted to become part of ÅF. This new partnership is in line with our wish to develop and strengthen our core business. Our recent development has strengthened the company and we are ready to expand our international activities. With ÅF, we will start a new chapter with a wider horizon."*

With 10,000 employees and offices in more than 30 countries, ÅF is an international engineering and design company whose networks and competencies will support our strategy to continue developing and expanding our core business.

*"We are investing in our design offering with the ambition to become a leading player within architecture, and we do this by connecting with the best. We started a journey in 2016 and we now include tegn\_3 in Norway and sandellsandberg as well as Koncept Stockholm in Sweden. Gottlieb Paludan Architects has a strong brand and is a natural next step in the expansion,"* says Jonas Gustavsson, President and CEO of ÅF.

ÅF has acquired the ownership of Gottlieb Paludan Architects, but in all other respects, the company will continue as today. Gottlieb Paludan Architects will continue under its current name, and the company management will also remain unchanged. The company will stay in Nordhavn, Copenhagen, and ongoing projects and collaborations will continue uninterrupted.

Our prize-winning projects of recent years include Värtaverket in Stockholm, Nørreport Station in Copenhagen, Byens Bro i Odense, and Holmestrand Station south of Oslo. Projects currently under construction include the Apple Data Centre near Viborg, BIO4: Copenhagen's new biomass CHP plant and the world's largest waste-to-energy plant in Shenzhen, China.

#### *About ÅF:*

*ÅF is an engineering and design company within the fields of energy, industry and infrastructure. ÅF creates sustainable solutions for the next generation through talented people and technology. ÅF is based in Europe and the business and clients are found all over the world.*

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