

Palads

Copenhagen most recognisable cinema, **reimagined** as a contemporary mixed-use destination while retaining its landmark identity.

Project	Cinema & Hotel	Value	Undisclosed	Location	København, DK	Size	14.500 m ²	Client	Nordisk Film	Date	2025	Collaborator	Cobe, Buro Happold
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Background

Palads is a landmark cinema in central Copenhagen, recognised for its distinctive façade and prominent urban presence. Nordisk Film initiated the project to secure the long-term future of the cinema through comprehensive redevelopment, while preserving its cultural identity amid sustained public and political scrutiny.

Project Overview

The project involves retention of approximately 90% of the existing façade and the complete redevelopment of the building behind it. All internal structures are demolished, a new and deeper basement is constructed, and a modern, purpose-built cinema is delivered. The building is extended vertically to create a mixed-use development comprising cinema, hotel and ancillary retail, progressed through the lokalplan process.

Key Constraints

The project is subject to exceptional public and political scrutiny due to its landmark status and central location. Key constraints include heritage requirements associated with façade retention, strict controls on height and massing, and complex construction logistics within a constrained city-centre site, while maintaining financial viability.





Our Role

Quantum delivered two rounds of cost and feasibility assessment to test the client's initial scheme and a subsequent revision. The initial review demonstrated that the original concept was unlikely to meet the investor's target return, leading to the development of a more financially viable, sale-ready alternative scheme.

- Reviewing the baseline scheme, scope and feasibility assumptions.
- Leading workshops to align stakeholders on key inputs including construction strategy, material selection and delivery constraints.
- Producing a detailed cost estimate and supporting narrative for submission through the municipal planning (lokalplan) process and review with potential investor partners.

Quantum Personnel on the Project

Mark Schorah — Leading Cost Manager

Elliot Sommer — Cost Manager

