

Tomorrow's island

A short and scenic ride from the centre of the city we're transforming Refshaleøen from a historical industrial shipyard into a new destination in Copenhagen. We're striving to create a new standard for city development, inspiring urban solutions on a global scale.

The more we learn about our cities, the more we realise how influential they are. Cornerstones of our lives like health, mobility, security, interaction, job opportunities, joy-of-life and education are all inextricably linked to the cities in which we live.

But they're under rapid transformation. As we stare into a future of seismic urban changes, the city of tomorrow won't resemble the cities we inhabit today. Firstly, future cities will become home to far more people. Furthermore, increased demands for environmental matters and an ever-accelerating development in architecture and technology will change the face of urban life as we know it.

At Refshaleøen our ambition is to create a district that's ready for future challenges. A district contributing to the status of Copenhagen as a global metropolis, that embraces new opportunities.

We place collaboration front and centre by working with a variety of forward-thinking partners. Our hope is that the culture we establish today will inspire the district we're developing tomorrow.

Our community

Our residents are our DNA—they manifest our identity to the outside world. We curate projects, businesses, collaborators and ideas that make for exceptional urban experiences.

When taking a stroll on Refshaleøen, you'll first come across Amass—a hyper-sustainable restaurant leveraging local produce and waste products in close connection to their innovative gastronomic universe. On the horizon behind Amass, you'll notice CPH Village and Urban Rigger. Both projects embody container-based, transportable housing solutions to solve housing shortage for students and young people. In the end, you might wander into the old welding hall at Copenhagen Contemporary. By mixing art and architecture, they present large scale installations in a monumental industrial structure.

Explore the complete [overview of residents here](#)

What the future holds

We believe that future developments require coherence with society's needs. We embrace close collaboration with both regional and national politicians so that the progress of Refshaleøen is aligned with societal aspirations. As a consequence, we're featured in several ongoing development plans for the Copenhagen Region.

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Our heritage

Although we insist on progress, our area is not without history—far from it actually. Refshaleøen builds on a proud and long industrial history based on the now-defunct shipyard Burmeister and Wain (B&W). For more than a hundred years, Refshaleøen was home to the international company.

The first chapter was written during the 19th century when the Copenhagen Port Authority filled the area with tons of soil. So when B&W outgrew its previous location in Christianshavn, Refshaleøen became the obvious choice. For over 124 years B&W was one of the leading companies of Denmark, but in 1996 after several years of economic turbulence, the shipyard had to file for bankruptcy.

That same year Refshaleøens Ejendomsselskab A/S was established. Today we're managing most of the area's 525.000 kvm². In 2009 we opened the district for public use.

Refshaleøens Ejendomsselskab A/S is owned by Sampension, PKA, PFA and Lønmodtagernes Dyrtidsfond.

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Mentions

Regularly international media show interest in the Refshaleøen. Below is a small selection of articles about Refshaleøen or initiatives originating from our island.

- [New York Times: What to do in Copenhagen](#)
- [The Culture Trip: The revival of Refshaleøen in Copenhagen](#)
- [WSJ Magazine: The Unexpected Copenhagen Neighborhood Not to Be Missed](#)
- [New York Times: Matt Orlando Brings California Sun to Copenhagen](#)
- [Forbes: Matt Orlando, Noma's former head chef, is opening a brewery](#)
- [Wired: This delicious Danish distillery is the Noma of wonderful booze](#)
- [Vice: VICE Guide to Copenhagen - Refshaleøen](#)