



# Architects Davidsson Tarkela

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Founded in 1985, Architect Davidsson Tarkela is a Helsinki-based architectural firm headquartered in Berlin between 1991 and 1995. At the core of the operations is extensive expertise accumulated under our three decades of operation, close cooperation with the customer and a networked design approach with other experts. aDT offers a wide range of design services to both public and private sector clients. The office's core competencies include demanding renovations of historically valuable buildings, public building and urban planning as well as project development.

We operate reliably in a variety of project and implementation formats, utilizing the latest digital design tools. Hands on circular economy, sustainability and energy-conscious solutions are an integral part of our architectural service offering.

Concrete, measurable starting points together with unique, intangible values form the basis of each project. From this standpoint, aDT endeavors to create a thoughtful balance between our common architectural heritage, resource aware building design and the urban environment.

The office is led by the partners Aki Davidsson and Jaana Tarkela. Architect Niklas Mahlberg serves as the office's managing director. The entire management teamwork as project leaders.

aDT is a member of The Association of Finnish Architects' Offices ATL. The office has an internal quality assurance system based on the ATL-SKOL-RAKLI quality system. The company has ATL's consultancy liability insurance policy.

aDT is a member of Solwers, a network of leading design companies

## WORKING METHODS

The office has completed projects in Finland, Berlin, Moscow, and St. Petersburg. Due to our experience and recorded practices, we provide our clients architectural design as well as high-quality project and risk management. Through our operations spanning over four decades, we have developed extensive and direct contacts in Helsinki's urban planning, building control and especially in the City Museum and the National Board of Antiquities.

The staff currently consists of 17 skilled and experienced professionals in their field with different areas of expertise in administration, architectural design, project coordination, BIM and building protection.

We carry out design work and coordination based on building information models. To fulfill the goals agreed with the client and users, we use the most up-to-date versions of design software (Autocad, Revit, Rhino).

## Awards

2020

Helsinki East Urban Centre  
Open international competition in two phases,  
purchase

2016

Kuopio Museum  
Invited competition 1. prize

2011

KPMG-offices, Töölönlahti, Helsinki  
Invited competition 1. prize

2010

Alma Media -offices, Töölönlahti, Helsinki  
Invited competition 2. prize

2009

Munich's Eastern Gate (Bogenhausener Tor)  
Invited urban design competition, purchase

2006

Aviapolis Tower, Vantaa: design and tendering  
competition, 1. prize

2005

Recognitions received for Kamppi public  
transport terminal:

- European Prize For Urban Public Space.
- Concrete Structure of the Year
- Special recognition of the for the Visually Impaired association
- "Ceiling Project of the Year" - Ceiling Association.
- "The Five Houses" Forum - Quarterly Review of Nordic Architecture presentation 3/2005.
- Finnish Architecture 0405 exhibition and book.
- Second place in the competition for the 2006 RIL Prize.

2005

Best of Europe | Color -nominee  
Learning Centre Aleksandria | Helsinki University

2003

Concrete Structure of the Year, honorable  
mention. Learning Centre Aleksandria | Helsinki  
University

2003

Third prize in the Helsinki Olympic Stadium's  
eastern stands canopy competition.

2001

Honorable mention in the invited competition  
for the Kontula Elderly Center, Helsinki.

2000

First place in the tender for the Kamppi Center  
in SRV Viitosen Oy's group (Pallasmaa, Davidsson,  
Schweizer, Wartiainen).

1999

Honorable mention in the architectural  
competition for Ulriikankodin nursing home,  
Loviisa

1998

Aesthetic act of the year, award for the  
protective cover of the scaffolding of Helsinki  
City Hall.

1996

State Architecture Award of the Russian  
Federation for the design of the International  
Bank of Moscow together with Juhani Pallasmaa.

1995

Honorable mention in the kiosk competition  
of the City of Helsinki together with Marianna  
Verhe.

1994

Purchase in the Senftenberg downtown and  
town hall design competition together with  
Marianna Verhe and Åke Lindeberg.

1990

First prize in the Business and Regional Center  
A3 / Riihimäki invitation competition together  
with Åke Lindeberg.

## Publications

Kuopio Museum  
AU, Finnish Association of Architects - newsletter  
03/2021

Kuopio Museum  
Designverse 08/03/2021

Kuopio Museum  
Archello 03/03/2021

Kuopio Museum  
Icon magazine 03/03/2021

Kuopio Museum  
Åvontuura 02/03/2021

Kuopio Museum  
ArchDaily 17/02/2021

Helsinki City Museum, International Urban Project  
Award 2020  
World Architecture Magazine 1/2021

Helsinki City Museum, International Urban Project  
Award 2020  
Bauwelt Praxis 1/2021

Daycare Louhi / an old prison piggery turned into a  
kindergarten  
Architecture of Necessity - exhibition. Virserums  
Konsthall 2016

Helsinki Fair Center  
ARK - magazine 3/12

Kamppi Center  
Contemporary Architecture | Finland - book 2010

Learning Centre Aleksandria | Helsinki University  
Colleges & Universities - book 2010

Kamppi traffic terminals  
Finnish Architecture 0405, exhibition and book

Kamppi traffic terminals  
Forum -Quarterly Review of Nordic Architecture and  
Design, 3/05

Kamppi traffic terminals  
Betoni-lehti 2/05

Learning Centre Aleksandria | Helsinki University  
ARK - magazine 6/03

Learning Centre Aleksandria | Helsinki University  
Steel Visions - Millennium Steel Architecture in  
Finland

Metsätalo | Helsinki University  
ARK - magazine 5/03

Helsinki City Hall | Office block K32  
Ptah 1/00

Finnish Cultural Institute, Berlin  
ARK - magazine 3/97

Moscow International Bank  
Teräsrakenne-lehti 2/97

Moscow International Bank  
Project Russia No 1

KOP-Antilooppi block, Helsinki  
World Architecture 25/95

## Selected Projects

### **Skatta hotel, Helsinki**

New hotel and underground parking garage

9 900 m<sup>2</sup>

2020-2023

### **Lahti City Hall**

Renovation and extension of a listed building by Eliel Saarinen from 1912

5 315 m<sup>2</sup>

2020-2023

### **The Finnish National Theatre, Helsinki**

Renovation and extension of a listed block by Kaija and Heikki Sirén and Onni Tarjanne

10 050 m<sup>2</sup>

2018-2023

### **Helsinki Fair Center**

Entrance and Convention Centre extension and refurbishment

28 000 m<sup>2</sup>

2017-2023

### **Kuopio museum**

Renovation and extension based on an invitational competition win

4 500 m<sup>2</sup>

2016-2020

### **Wuorio building, Unioninkatu 30, Helsinki**

Renovation and extension of a listed building by Herman Gesellius

5 270 m<sup>2</sup>

2020

### **Vuorela Reform School, Vihti**

Renovation

1 727 m<sup>2</sup>

2020

### **Rettig Group, Bulevardi 46**

Office building renovation

3 220 br-m<sup>2</sup>

2019

### **Backas Manor**

Renovation

650 br-m<sup>2</sup>

2017

### **Passenger entry hall, Helsinki-Vantaa Airport Entry hall design**

Interior design competition 1st Prize

2017

### **Pisara-Rata, Töölö station**

Project plan for a new underground train station and entrance buildings

35 500 m<sup>2</sup>

2017

### **Clarion Congress Centre, Makasiini L2**

Adaptive reuse and renovation of a listed building by Lars Sonck

8 500 m<sup>2</sup>

2016

### **Clarion Hotel Helsinki**

Newbuild

25 500 m<sup>2</sup>

2016

### **Haaga firestation**

Renovation and extension

4 200 br-m<sup>2</sup>

2016

### **Helsinki City Museum, K4 quarter**

Renovation and conversion of several listed buildings

8 850 m<sup>2</sup>

2016

### **Kluuvi gallery**

Conversion of old gallery space

200 m<sup>2</sup>

2016

### **KPMG headquarters, Helsinki**

New office and commercial building

25 500 m<sup>2</sup>

2016

### **Torikorttelit - Senate square market quarters**

Renovation and extension of several listed building

~35 000 m<sup>2</sup>

1999-2016

### **Arppeanum, Helsinki**

Renovation and change of use of a listed building by Carl Albert Edelfelt from 1869

4 100 m<sup>2</sup>

2015

### **Daycare Louhi, Helsinki**

Renovation and extension

1 200 br-m<sup>2</sup>

2015

### **Leijona quarter restaurant**

Renovation and newbuild

620 m<sup>2</sup>

2015

### **Metsätalo, University of Helsinki**

Renovation and conversion of a listed building by Jussi Paatela from 1939

22 500 m<sup>2</sup>

2001-2015

## Selected Projects

### **Kampin Huippu offices, Helsinki**

Renovation and newbuild  
10 000 m<sup>2</sup>  
2014

### **Espoonatori, Espoo Centre**

Development and city planning  
73 500 m<sup>2</sup>  
2014

### **Brewery Restaurant**

Renovation and newbuild  
1 000 m<sup>2</sup>  
2013

### **Erottaja Fire Station, Helsinki**

Renovation of a listed building by Theodor Höijer  
from 1899  
5 100 m<sup>2</sup>  
2013

### **Siltamäki Home Unit for Disabled**

Newbuild  
1 300 m<sup>2</sup>  
2013

### **Govinius house, K4 Kortteli**

Office and commercial building. Renovation of a  
listed building by Pehr Granstedt from 1819  
2 200 m<sup>2</sup>  
2012

### **Fair Center Helsinki, Hall 7**

New exhibition and multipurpose hall  
Competition 1st prize  
18 500 m<sup>2</sup>  
2011

### **Suomi-building, Lönnrotinkatu 5, Helsinki**

Refurbishment of a listed building by Armas  
Lindgren and Onni Tarjanne  
17 580 m<sup>2</sup>  
2005-2011

### **Tervalampi Manor**

Newbuild  
1 000 br-m<sup>2</sup>  
2011

### **Peippolankolmio 3, Porvoo**

Residential apartment buildings, 23pcs  
998 m<sup>2</sup>  
2011

### **Language center, University of Helsinki, Fabianinkatu 26**

Learning and office spaces  
7 642 m<sup>2</sup>  
2006-2009

### **City Hall, Helsinki**

Renovation of a listed building by Carl Ludvig Engel  
14 500 m<sup>2</sup>  
1999-2009

### **Bogenhausener Tor, München Eastern Gateway**

Area and city plan, Competition purchase  
2009

### **Aviapolis Tower, Vantaa**

Office building, Competition 1st Prize  
10 000 m<sup>2</sup>  
2006

### **Kamppi center, bus terminals**

Public transportation terminals  
55 000 m<sup>2</sup>  
2006

### **VTT Valimo, Metallimiehenkuja 2, Espoo**

Renovation and conversion  
1 800 m<sup>2</sup>  
2006

### **Learning Centre Aleksandria, Helsinki**

Renovation and newbuild  
5 500 m<sup>2</sup>  
2005

### **Ahertajantie T3 area, Espoo**

Urban design  
5 500 m<sup>2</sup>  
2003

### **Villa Urbig (Mies van der Rohe 1918), Potsdam Babelsberg**

Renovation  
700 m<sup>2</sup>  
1994