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Models of Rundeskogen in dRMM's
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3 Towers

114 Dwellings

Rundeskokogen

Three tower blocks containing 114 dwellings. In collaboration with dRMM London

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Location

Sandnes, Norway

Client

Kruse Bolig AS

2013

Rundeskokogen consists of three towers of 12-15 stories with a total of 114 flats between 60m² and 140 m². The project is located at a major traffic intersection linking three bigger cities of the region.

The emphasis has been to balance the tall building typology with generous and attractive public green space on the ground. To minimize the footprint of the three towers and retain the fjord view for neighbors, the first apartment floors have been lifted off the ground, cantilevering from the core and creating covered outdoor spaces.

The organizing element of the entire project is the star-shaped core structure of concrete, where the fins are extended as separation walls between the flats. On the ground floor, the fins and bracings of this stem-like core spread out as roots which integrate social meeting places, play and training facilities, generous entrance halls and communal

gathering spaces. The orientation and floor plans of the flats are optimized according to views and sun, and integrated winter gardens with folding doors create a flexible quality to the living space.

The three towers have been shaped to allow for diagonal views. The surfaces are divided into a triangular cladding pattern which creates different light shades for each element.

The towers have solar collectors on the roofs, as well as geothermal heat pumps in the ground.

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