

Design/Completion: 1997/2002
Clients: Telenor
Architects: NBBJ, HUS, and PKA
Area: 157,000 square meters gross, and
 40,000 square meters parking
Structure: Steel structure with
 prefabricated concrete slabs
Materials: Glass, aluminum, zinc,
 steel, travertine, granite, and timber

TELENOR WORLD HEADQUARTERS / Oslo, Norway

Telenor World Headquarters, designed to house Norway's telecommunications giant, is a powerful expression of the company's vision **to create the foremost creative working environment**

In Scandinavia, an environment both inspiring and technologically advanced.

The idea of consolidating 7700 employees at 6000 workstations under eight roofs and atriums has transformed the way that Telenor conducts business, not only unifying the company, but also encouraging collaboration and attracting the best and brightest in the industry.

The main runway at the former Oslo International Airport became the site for this extensive complex, providing ample space for a structure encompassing 137,000 net square meters, which responds to its open landscape and natural waterfront setting. The design is site-specific, growing out of its setting while at the same time transforming it. Eight office wings branch out along the runway's east-west axis and are joined horizontally by two curved boulevards that embrace a central plaza, a feature designed to promote employee interaction.

The central plaza defines Telenor's main entrances. It is surrounded by the two boulevards and the office wings and is connected to them by a series of atriums that encourage high-energy movement. All employees and visitors—whether arriving by car beneath the plaza or by public transportation—first enter this hub of activity. Incorporating an information center, the plaza is a place where people might spontaneously meet, share knowledge, and generate ideas.

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Top: View from Oslofjord
 Above: Aerial of site showing former airport
 and waterfront setting
 Opposite: Main entry at central plaza

