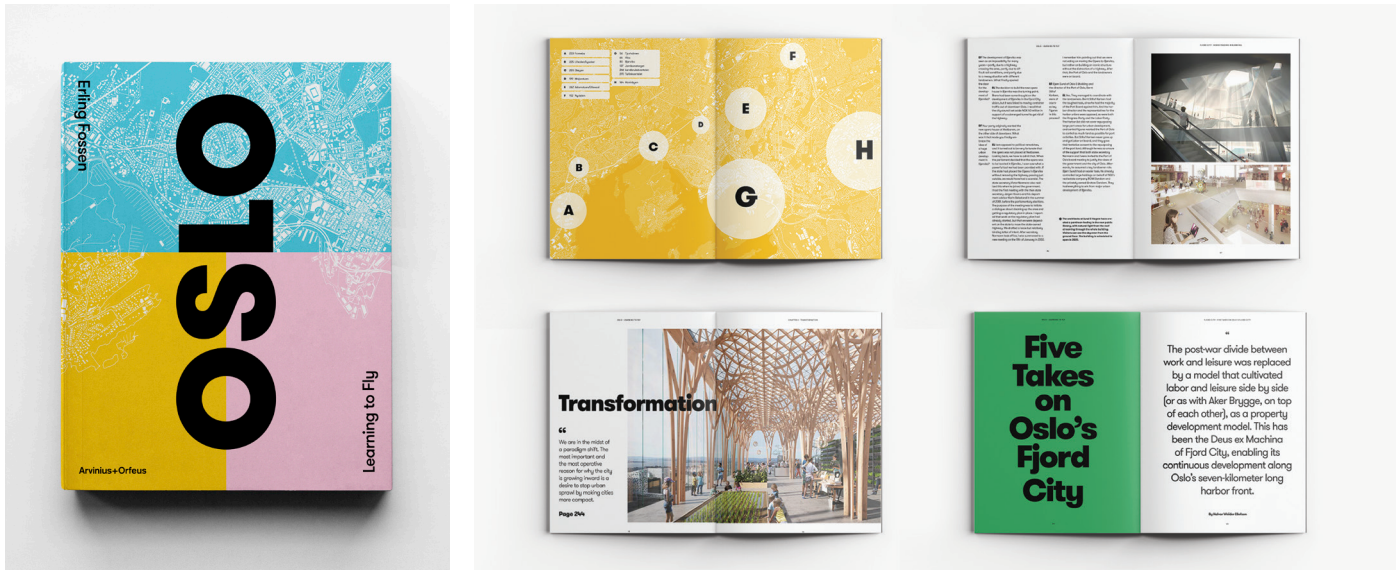


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Oslo – Learning to Fly



Oslo – Learning to Fly offers the first comprehensive presentation of the radical transformation of this former sleepy village into an emerging world city. Oslo has been among the fastest growing cities in Europe for decades – and this book spans from the conversion of a major shipyard into the multi-use borough Aker Brygge in the late 1980s, and into 2030 when the transformation to a post-industrial city will be complete.

Inside, the philosophy and principles behind Oslo's urban development are revealed – and the book may be used both as a tool-kit for urban practitioners in post-industrial cities, and as a gift book for people all over the world who want to familiarise themselves with the 'Oslopolitan' way of life and with how to do the noblest art of them all: the art of city making.

Oslo – Learning to Fly is divided into four chapters. Chapter 1 is dedicated to the harbour landscape of the Fjord City, Chapter 2 to the managing of growth through hub densification, Chapter 3 is about transformation and refinement of the already existing urban fabric, and Chapter 4 covers the relevance of so-called 'third places' and their importance in enabling the concept of community.

And please, don't leave me on the coffee table. I'm made for walking. Bring me with you when you walk the streets of Oslo, and use me as a treasure map to discover the secrets of the city.

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