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The Swedish Association of Architects logotype consists of a rectangle having the proportions 4x3 and showing the name of the Association in Swedish and English.



The Kasper Salin Prize, Sweden's most prestigious award for architecture, is presented by the Swedish Association of Architects. The prize is awarded to the building. Client and architect are each given a copy of the plaque.



The Swedish Association of Architects runs a professional development course for its members, comprising courses in three stages: stage 1 the professional role, stage 2 the processes, stage 3 leadership. So far (2010) 450 architects have been awarded diplomas for one or other of the three stages.

Right: In 2007 Lena Engberg, Architect SAR/MSA, took part in the leadership training which forms part of the Association's professionalisation programme. Photo: Robert Blombäck.

Cover illustration: The Avalon Hotel, Göteborg (Gothenburg), nominated for (though not awarded) the 2007 Kasper Salin Prize. Magnus Månsson et al., for Semrén och Månsson Arkitektkontor. Photo: Krister Engström.

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The Swedish Association of Architects is the unifying organisation of Sweden's **architects, interior architects, landscape architects and planning architects**. Our members are private and public sector employees, self-employed professionals or architecture students. They all share a common educational background and a professional involvement in matters of architecture and planning.

The Swedish Association of Architects was founded in 2002 through the dissolution of five organisations for architects, landscape architects, interior architects and planning architects that transferred their activities to the new organisation.

The Swedish Association of Architects has more than 11,000 members (2010), including 95 per cent of Sweden's practising architects. The majority join during their very first year of architecture studies. Membership is open to all professionals, whatever their market standing (employee, self employed, student) or speciality.





Left: Sweden's most important architecture awards are presented annually by the Swedish Association of Architects. The picture comes from the presentation of awards in 2005. Photo: Rickard Kilström.

Below: The Golden Chair, awarded alternately for a product and an interior.



Vasaparken, Stockholm, with its rubber asphalt play hills, received the Association's Siena Prize in 2007.

Anders Falk and Anders Kling, Landscape Architects LAR/MSA, and co-workers, for Grontmij Landskapsarkitekter. Photo: Mauro Rongione.

- > Some 7,200 of the Association's members are professional practitioners and more than 2,000 are students. Four out of every five professionally active architects are employed in the private sector, primarily as employees or entrepreneurs in architect and consulting practices. The great majority of practices are very small. At the same time there are a few firms with about 400 employees, which is large even by European standards. Architects are also active in property development enterprises and in construction and property management companies.

One professionally active member in five is a public servant. The majority of public sector architects work in municipal urban development, city architect or planning offices. In the national government sector, architects are employed by national authorities and utilities involved in construction, by county administrative boards and, as professors, teachers and researchers, at schools of architecture

Architects with degrees from the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), the Chalmers University of technology, the Lund University Faculty of Engineering (LTH) or the Umeå University School of Architecture (UMA) make up the biggest group of members. Landscape architects trained at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Ultuna or Alnarp are the second largest group, followed by interior architects trained at Konstfack (the University College of Arts, Crafts and Design) in Stockholm or the Göteborg University School of Design and Crafts (HDK). The smallest membership group, but a rapidly expanding one, consists of planning architects with degrees in spatial planning from the Blekinge Institute of Technology (BTH). These establishments admit about 550 students per year (2010).



The Brio headquarters were awarded the 2006 Golden Chair for the best interior.

Architects SAR/MSA Erik Jarlöv, Helena Glantz, Sofia Uddén and Architect MSA Karin Ask for Urban Design. Photo: Claes Hall.



The Swedish Association of Architects provides service and support to clients in procurement matters and is often called upon to assist with architecture competitions. The Swedish competition rules are available in English at www.arkitekt.se/competitionrules.



Manual of architectural enterprise, containing most of what you need to know about running an architect's practice. Free of charge to members affiliated to ArkitektService.

Right: The title of Architect SAR/MSA is reserved for members of the Swedish Association of Architects who also meet the other requirements.

Architect is not a protected title in Sweden. You can tell a qualified architect from the membership designations and professional titles used by members of the Swedish Association of Architects. Student members do not have a specific title, but persons who have completed the course of architectural education concerned have the following **membership titles**:

Architect MSA
Landscape Architect MSA
Interior Architect MSA
Planning Architect MSA

MSA is short for "Member of Sveriges Arkitekter/the Swedish Association of Architects".

A fully qualified member with at least two year's documented professional experience in his or her field can use the following **professional titles**:

Architect SAR/MSA
Landscape Architect LAR/MSA
Interior Architect SIR/MSA
Planning Architect FPR/MSA

These titles are registered trademarks and may only be used by members of the Swedish Association of Architects who meet the requirements of the Association's statutes concerning professional titles.





Left: The Swedish Association of Architects arranges the annual Architecture Day, a well-attended occasion offering lectures and festivities.

Photo: Rickard Kilström.



Guide to architectural enterprises in Sweden, presenting 300 practices and giving the addresses of 1,200. Available free of charge from www.arkitekt.se/guide.



Anyone looking for an architect can also use the on-line service www.arkitekt.nu, which enables searches by different criteria. Both book and website also offer advice and hints to purchasers of architectural services.

- > The Swedish Association of Architects is the **professional and interest organisation** of architects in Sweden. We safeguard the overarching interests of the architectural professions in the market and we work to achieve good conditions for our members' professional activity and development. We assert the importance of qualified architectural and planning work in all sectors of society and we actively address issues concerning conditions in the architect's profession.

The Swedish Association of Architects is a **partite organisation** and negotiates agreements on behalf of architect employees, while at the same time, through our ArkitektService company, providing advisory and other services to architects who are **self-employed**. We publish comprehensive pay statistics every year and carry out annual follow-up of architects' fees.

We provide advisory and supportive services to clients in matters of procurement through our **competition and procurement service**. We also work to develop Swedish architectural policy, we highlight quality aspects of building and planning and we address environmental and technical issues as well as sustainable urban development.

We promote good architecture and planning through our prizes, which are presented in conjunction with the annual Architecture Day. We award the **Kasper Salin Prize** to the developer behind the best building of the past year. The **Housing Prize** is awarded (biennially) to the best new housing project and the **Siena Prize** to the best landscape architecture project. The **Planning Prize** is awarded (biennially) for the best planning project and the **Golden Chair** for the best interior or furniture design. Best architectural reviewers are rewarded with the **Prize for Architectural Criticism**. Prize-winning projects are presented in an annual catalogue.

5,5%

The Swedish Association of Architects negotiates agreements and represents employee members in negotiations of all kinds concerning hiring, pay, insurance etc. Self-employed members are given legal advice and assistance in matters relating to contracts, remuneration, fees, procurement, copyright etc.





Arkitekten, the membership journal of the Swedish Association of Architects, is issued 11 times annually.



This yearbook contains a directory of members and a comprehensive reference work.



"Ten challenges to architectural practice" – one of the Association's many publications on the subject of practice.

Right: Most architecture students join the Association during their very first year. Student members have their own range of activities under the aegis of ArkitektStudenterna. Picture: the KTH (Royal Institute of Technology) School of Architecture. Photo: Jonte Wentzell.

The Swedish Association of Architects runs a **CPD, Continuing Professional Development Programme**, for its members, ranging from one-term training programmes for young architects to advanced leadership training for managers and prospective managers in architectural practice.

The Association's membership journal, **Arkitekten**, is issued eleven times annually and covers current professional issues and developments in the profession and in architectural education. Arkitekten also covers market and procurement issues, debates planning issues and keeps a general watch on developments in the field of architecture and planning.

The Swedish Association of Architects also owns Arkitektur Förlag AB, which publishes the journal Arkitektur (8 issues annually) and books on architecture.

Each year the Swedish Association of Architects publishes a yearbook, Arkitektens Årsbok, which is a mine of information and reference, as well as a directory of members. We also publish a guide to Swedish architect practices and information brochures about competitions and parallel assignments. In addition, the Association has published a succession of books and other printed matter on architectural practice, copyright and procurement.





Left: The Swedish Association of Architects assisted the City of Stockholm with the competition for the Stockholm City Library, which turned into one of the biggest competitions in the world. The picture was taken during unpacking of the almost 1,200 entries. All information, supporting material and entries were published on the Association's website www.arkitekt.se/asplund. Photo: Jonte Wentzel.



The winning entry in the Stockholm City Library competition. Heike Hanada, Germany.

The Association's competition and procurement services include everything from assistance with programming to the planning of good processes, assurance of qualified assessment and management of documentation



House of Sweden, Washington. Invited competition, 2003. Kasper Salin Prize, 2007. Architects SAR/MSA Gert Wingårdh and Tomas Hansen for Wingårdhs. Photo: Åke E:son Lindman.



The winning entry in the two-stage competition for a new Sami Parliament building in Kiruna. Architects SAR/MSA Hans Murman and Helena Andersson for Murman Arkitekter.

Back page: Detail of Citadellbadet, Landskrona. Nominated (though not selected) for the 2007 Kasper Salin Prize. Architect SAR/MSA Gert Wingårdh et al., for Wingårdh Arkitektkontor. Photo: Åke E:son Lindman.

- > The Swedish Association of Architects has a substantial website, www.arkitekt.se, containing both public information and information for members only. The association's various publications can be ordered on www.arkitekt.se/bestall. www.arkitekt.nu is there for anyone in need of architectural services. Here you can both look for an architect and obtain hints and advice. www.arkitektupphandling.se is for architects wishing to keep abreast of public procurements advertised in the architectural sphere.

The Swedish Association of Architects has fifteen regional associations which organise meetings, seminars, debates and field trips.

The Swedish Association of Architects office, with a staff of about 25, deals with architectural and professional issues, educational matters, editorial activities and publications, advisory and other services, legal assistance and negotiating assistance for members, competition and procurement services, market observation, professional and commercial development issues and professionalisation training.

The supreme policy-making body of the Swedish Association of Architects is its biennial Assembly. The Assembly, which is directly elected by the members, appoints an Executive to direct the Association's activities for a two-year period. The executive has thirteen members, headed by a chairperson. Names and pictures of the members of the Executive and of the office staff will be found on www.arkitekt.se and in the yearbook (Arkitektens Årsbok). The office can be called on +46-8-505 577 00 and e-mailed on kansli@arkitekt.se

