



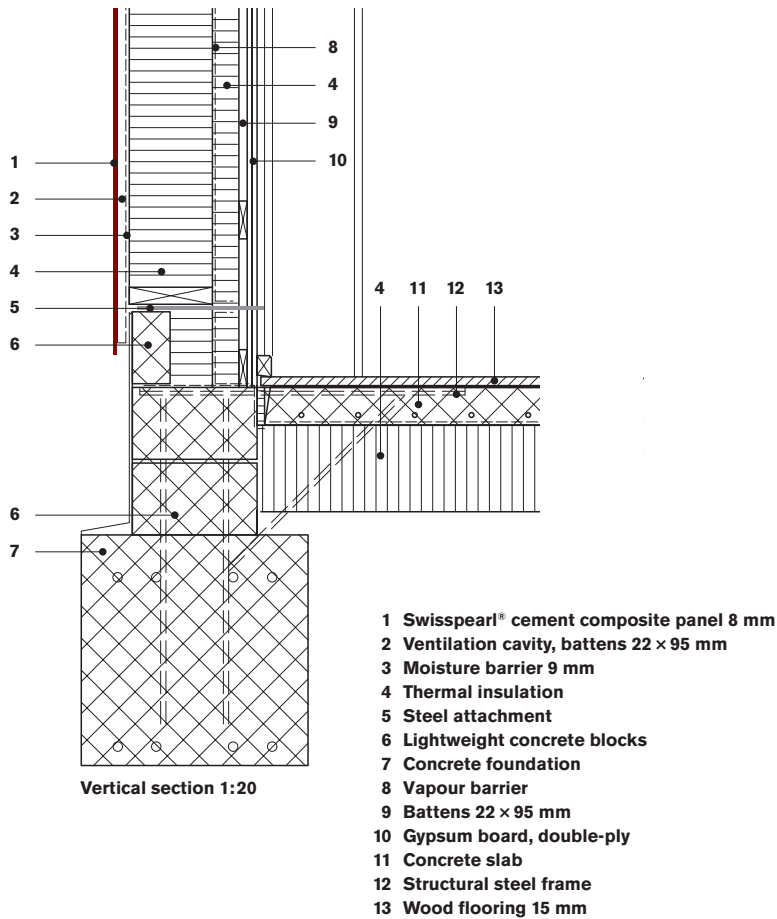
# SWISSPEARL ARCHITECTURE 10

International Edition - High Profile Buildings



Extension of Skibelund School for Gymnastics and Athletics, Vejen, Denmark  
**A New Face for the School**





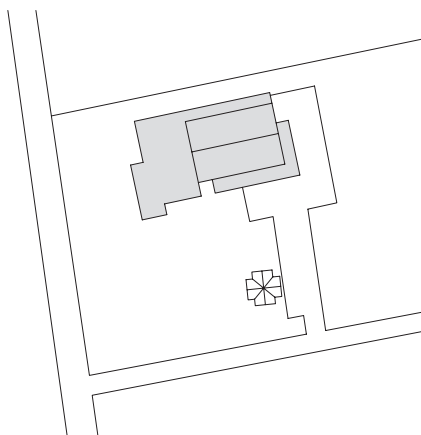
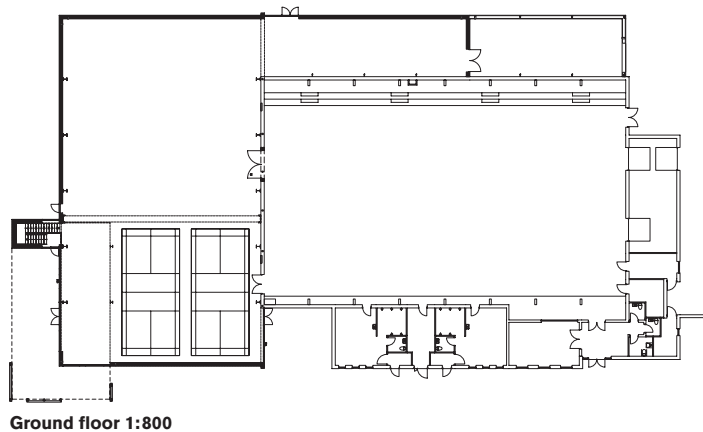
Various countries offer various educational opportunities to young people at the end of their obligatory schooling and about to embark on higher education or vocational training. Denmark has over 260 so-called residential “afterschools”. The highly popular “efterskole” is a unique Danish institution for adolescents to complete their primary education. “Afterschools” not only teach the regular curriculum but aim at helping students become well-rounded individuals.

Surrounded by meadows and woodlands, Skibelund School for Gymnastics and Athletics near Vejen on Jutland is one of Denmark’s oldest such schools. To strengthen its gymnastics and sports profile, a gymnasium was added in 2005. The school’s new face overlooks the passing main road and sports not only the school logo, but is also adorned with gymnasts’ silhouettes.

In contrast to the older red brick buildings, the recent cuboid structure has a façade of grey cement composite panels. While most of it looks inward, a roof-height glass wall in the gymnasium’s south-east corner opens to the outside world and reveals the school’s identity.

*Michael Hanak*

**INSULATING WOOD-FRAME ELEMENTS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE WEIGHT-BEARING STEEL STRUCTURE; THE EXTERIOR FAÇADE CONSISTS OF SWISSPEARL PANELS.**



**Location** Kongeåvej 34, Vejen, Denmark

**Client** Skibelund Gymnastik- & Idrætsefterskole, Vejen

**Architects** Pro Arkitekter/Thorup Gruppen, Tårn

**Building period** 2005

**General contractor and façade construction** MT Højgaard A/S, Søborg

**Façade material** SWISSPEARL® CARAT, Black Opal 7020

