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The temporary Market Hall is finally open

The Temporary Market Hall opened today, located in the middle of Östermalm Square in Stockholm. Tengbom has designed the temporary wooden hall where business will be conducted for the next two years, while the original market hall is being restored.

Today at 9:30 a.m., the tape was cut to the mysterious wooden structure on Östermalm Square which had long announced its presence but until now had not revealed much about its design or function. The building is a temporary solution at the initiative of the property owner, the City of Stockholm, so that the retailers in Östermalms Saluhall will be able to conduct their business as usual while the fine old hall from 1888 is refitted and improved.

”It’s nice that both function and design have been invested in for the Temporary Market Hall. It will be an entirely new experience for customers to come here. Then we look forward to being able to move back to an even better and larger market hall in 2018,” says Ulf Elmquist, chairman of Östermalms Saluhall’s business association.

Tengbom has created a building that displays both exciting and quality architecture, with the intention of being an ultimate location for retail, food experiences and social meetings and activities stretching long into the evening. The temporary hall and its extended opening hours, in combination with a lively and illuminated façade, will give the square and the surrounding area new life. Great importance has also been placed on the flow functioning just as efficiently within the hall as in the square.

Mark Humphreys, the architect in charge from Tengbom, was present during the dedication:

”It is a great day to be an architect at Tengbom, to stand here today and see the result of an entirely unique collaboration with the City of Stockholm. The Temporary Market Hall contributes a new dimension in the urban environment, and while the public is enjoying this, we will go in and begin to restore Östermalms Saluhall with full force.”

The emphasis has been on simple and economical materials. A timber frame is mostly clad with untreated pine battens of varying sizes, which is combined with an upper part in polycarbonate sheeting which is illuminated. The fixtures, such as the retailers’ counters, are tailored to some extent in order to be reused later in Östermalms Saluhall.

Shops, restaurants and storage are on the ground floor, while kitchens and technical installations are located on two mezzanines. The market stalls are situated along wide, straight thoroughfares and the main entrance faces the entrance of the old market hall along Humlegårdsgatan. The hall's generous ceiling height and skylights result in good distribution of daylight to the premises, as well as reflecting the grandeur of the existing space.

The Temporary Market Hall frame is a modular system and hopefully can be partially disassembled in order to be reused later. Tengbom is also responsible for the restoration of Östermalms Saluhall which will be reopened in April 2018.

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