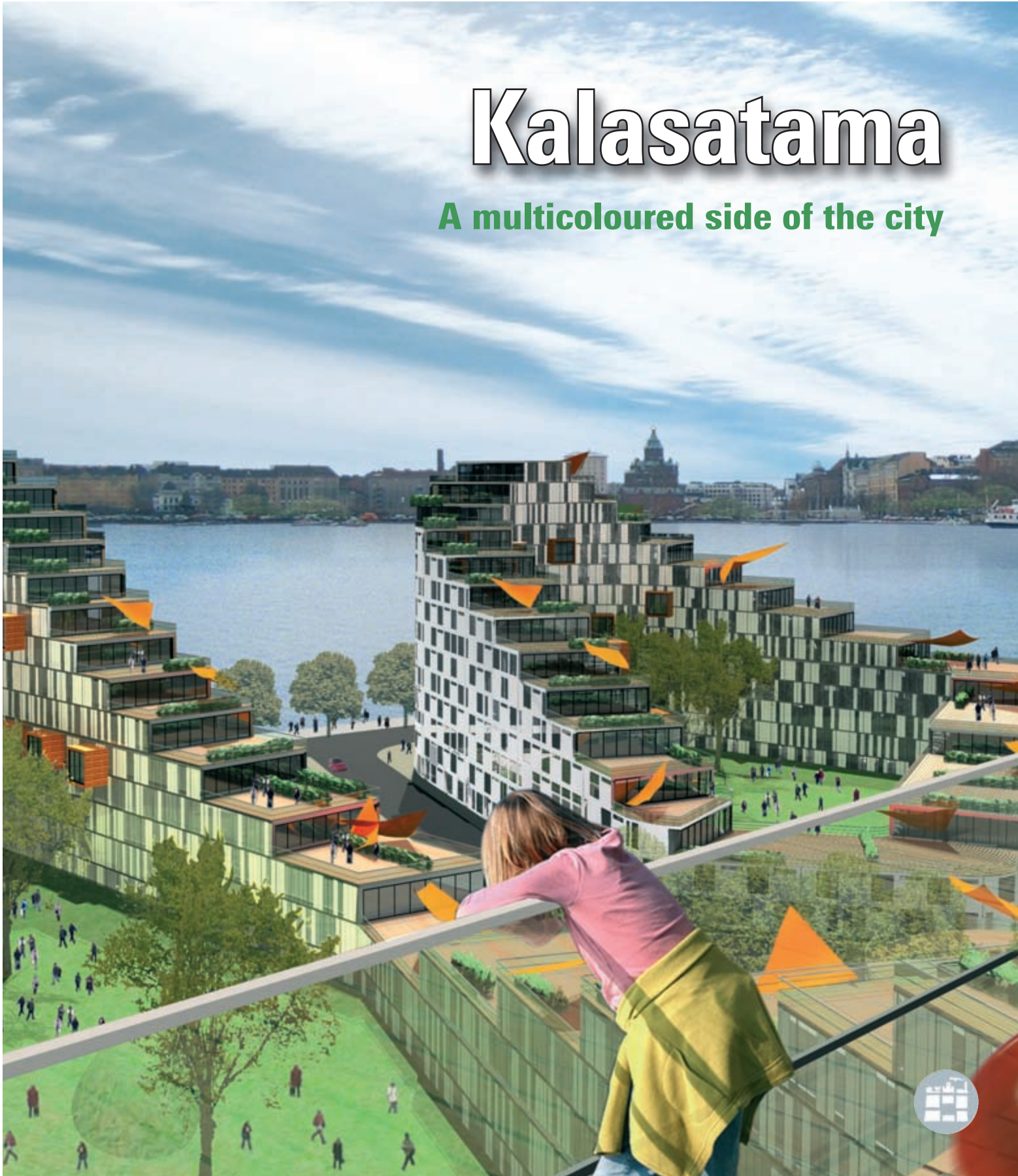




Kalasadatama

A multicoloured side of the city





Kalasadama – dense and dynamic

Kalasadama, or “fishing harbour”, will become a densely built up and urban-flavoured city district. The area is centrally located on the city centre’s eastern shoreline. Kalasadama will be joined to Helsinki’s city centre and its waterfront will be made accessible to city residents.

Residential diversity

Housing will be oriented towards the waterfront and three canals will emphasise the proximity to water. When planning residential buildings, special attention will be paid to the abundance and diversity of housing types that will achieve the most multifaceted dwelling and population structure possible for the area. New dwelling types include urban villas and floating dwellings. Residential and office facilities will also be integrated.

Commercial spaces of varying sizes

Surrounding the Metro station will be a business and service concentration similar to the Kamppi Center in terms of its size. Space will also be reserved for a health centre. Office buildings will be sited along thoroughfares. Smaller commercial spaces reserved at the buildings’ street levels can house restaurants and specialty shops that will also attract visitors from further away.

Starting from the Metro station

The Kalasadama Metro station taken into use in January 2007 functions as the area’s transport hub; it will be linked with a terminal for trams and busses. Besides the city centre, it will also be possible to build tram connections to Pasila and Arabianranta. Parking will be arranged in parking garages and conventionally along streets; a comprehensive pedestrian and cycle network designed for the area will also improve regional connections.

Ready in the 2030s?

The building of Kalasadama will probably take a long time, perhaps 30 years. This will be facilitated by planning sub-areas as well as by providing the possibilities for long-term as well as short-term implementations. The first area to be completed will be Sörnäistenniemi, whose construction will begin in 2009. The long implementation time will be seen in the sub-areas’ varied architectural styles.

The buried islands

Since the late 1800s industrial and harbour functions have occupied the area, and various warehouses, power stations and a wastewater treatment plant have dominated its appearance. Over the decades the shore areas have extended with earthfill; Kyläsaari, Iso Verkkosaari and Pieni Verkkosaari, Sompasaa-ri, Nihti, Kana and Hanasaari – all originally islands – are buried under what is now Kalasadama. Their memory however lives on in the area’s place names.





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1 The Metro sites

The Metro sites form the core of Kalasatama and the gateway to the city centre when arriving from the east. There it will be easy to transfer from a bus or tram to the Metro, go shopping, eat in restaurants or go to work. Two 16-storey residential towers will have apartments with unusually spectacular views.

2 Hanasaari

Replacing a demolished power station and coal heaps will be five completely new kinds of terrace buildings, the likes of which have never been built in Helsinki. The lowest parts of the saddle-shaped block are two storeys and the highest are 18 storeys. The complex will house approximately 2,000 residents. The character and size of the apartments will be highly diverse and they will have roof terraces with views of the city centre.

3 Kalasatamanpuisto Park

Kalasatamanpuisto Park opens wedge-like towards the Pohjoissatama, or North Harbour, and the city centre. In terms of its shape and materials, the park reflects the area's industrial past. The intent will be to utilise recycled materials from the harbour's structures in its construction. Standing at the southern edge of the park is a red brick building that can be used for hobby and residents' activities. In front of the building one can play, hold small-scale parties or skate during the winter. At the steps of the waterfront square one can admire the sea or even dip one's toes in the water.

4 Suvilahti

The halls of a hundred-year-old power station and gas plant will be converted to a multifaceted cultural centre. Like Helsinki's Cable Factory, it will be able to house, for example, theatres and small culture-oriented enterprises. The former industrial environment is also a suitable

location for the organising of various kinds of cultural events and celebrations. The existing gas bells and the power plant's chimneys will be retained as symbols of the area's identity.

5 Sörnäistenniemi

A maritime-flavoured housing area for 2,600 residents will be built between Kalasatamanpuisto Park and the seaside promenade. The views towards the east focus on the lush archipelago. At the blocks' outer edge are 6-storey apartment buildings; in the inner sections are 3-storey urban-flavoured low-rise apartments with a common courtyard. The yards are well designed green pockets perfect for relaxation.

6 Seaside promenade

Along the Kalasatama shoreline will be built a continuous seaside promenade bridging the canals and meandering through the shoreline parks and squares. The approximately 5 km long promenade is variable in terms of its character. Those walking or cycling along the promenade can breathe the fresh sea air and enjoy the views to, for example, the rock outcroppings of Mustikkamaa, the Cathedral's dome and the reeds of Viikki. The promenade is also part of the landscape route encircling Vanhakaupunginselkä and the seaside route at Helsinginniemi.

Kalasatama in numbers

land area	177 ha
floor area	1,350,000 m ²
shoreline	about 5 km
residents	18,000
jobs	12,000
construction period	2009 – 2035

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