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A guide to Herning and its surroundings



Welcome to Herning

Where the sky is the limit

Thank you for your interest in EuroRoad17 - we are very pleased to have you as a guest in our city and we hope you enjoy your stay.

In this material we have gathered information about 25 points of interest in and around Herning.

We will be present at the press centre during EuroRoad17 and you are always welcome to come to us for information or help.

Facts about Herning in general

"Where the sky is the limit" is the motto of Herning. The city is known as a trade fair, culture and sports event city. It is also a business friendly university city, focusing mainly on manufacturing industry.

Herning is a young city and just 170 years ago it had a population of no more than 21 inhabitants. In 1913,

as the population grew to 6,000, Herning received the status of borough making it one of the youngest in Denmark.

Herning is the number one exhibition city in northern Europe. Every year a large range of trade fairs are held at MCH Messecenter Herning. These are, for instance, Agromek - Denmark's largest agricultural trade fair, Foodexpo - the biggest retail, hotel, restaurant and food fair in Scandinavia, Formland - the biggest interior, design and home accessories fair in Scandinavia and many others.

Herning has also created a tradition of hosting large-scaled sporting events. In 2012 two stages of the Giro d'Italia took place here, and the city has been host to i.e. the European U21 Football Championship, World Women's Handball Championship, European Men's Handball

Championship, table tennis, swimming, triathlon, volleyball and badminton. In 2018 the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship will come to Herning.

In addition to trade fairs, concerts and events the city focuses its strength on business tourism.

The main employment in the area is production, especially within the metal industry.

Herning is home to some of the leading sports teams in Denmark, including the football team FC Midtjylland, the ice hockey team Herning Blue Fox and the handball team HC Midtjylland.

Herning Cykle Klub was founded in 1937 and several talents have been hatched here, including Bjarne Riis, Per Pedersen, Alex Pedersen, Michael Blaudzun and Brian Vandborg.



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1 MCH

**Exhibition center, multipurpose arena
and stadium.**

MCH is a flexible exhibition centre and entertainment complex, and one of the largest in Scandinavia.

The first tentative steps towards MCH were taken in 1954.

MCH consists of MCH Messecenter Herning, the congress and concert center, MCH Herning Congress Center, the football stadium MCH Arena and the multipurpose arena, Jyske Bank Boxen.

Every year around one million guests come to MCH for trade fairs and exhibitions, cultural events, meetings, conferences, parties and sports events.

The motto of Herning is "Where the sky is the limit" and this is greatly thanks to MCH.

MCH Messecenter Herning has 15 exhibition halls ranging from 2.000 - 14.000 square meters.

MCH Messecenter Herning is, amongst other things, known for Formland, the biggest interior, design and home accessories fair in Scandinavia, Ferie For Alle, the largest travel show in Scandinavia, Horse & Rider, the world's biggest horseshow and leading agriculture and industrial fairs.

Jyske Bank Boxen has an audience capacity of 12.000 - 15.000 and was inaugurated on October 20th 2010 with a spectacular concert by Lady Gaga.

Jyske Bank Boxen has since then welcomed artists such as Prince, Linkin Park, Poul McCartney, Adele, Eric Clapton, Roger Waters, Rihanna, George Michael, Britney Spears, Depeche Mode, etc.

MCH has also staged large outdoor concerts with world-renowned artists such as Genesis and Bruce Springsteen.

MCH has been host to international sports events

such as the IHF Women's Handball World Championship, The LEN European Short Course Swimming Championship, etc. In May 2018, MCH will host the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

With more than 500 events a year, MCH is one of the leading players in experiences.

MCH is currently expanding with a large modernization of the outside areas, as well as a new arrival building, that will connect Jyske Bank Boxen and the convention center. The first leg of the expansion will be ready in May 2018.

Additional information

MCH has the perfect facilities whether it is a small meeting for 15 people, a musical with an audience of 1.000, a conference for 2.000 participants, a football match with 11.000 fans, a rock concert with an audience of 15.000 or a trade fair for 50.000 guests.



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Rind Creek and the sculptures in Kideris

The area around Kideris watermill and the walking path to Rind has been protected since 1975.

The Kideris watermill was first documented in 1646. The mill itself no longer exist, and the only reminder of its existence is the former mill pond which can still be found in the area.

When the riders pass the bridge over Rind Creek (Rind Å) they may have time to look north and study the sculptures of Jørgen Pedersen.

The artist's workshop is located in Kideris, and he

has placed a number of sculptures on his grounds.

The area around Kideris and Rind Creek has a varied animal life. Among the birds you can find are kestrel and kingfisher.

Additional information

The EuroRoad17-participants are far from the first to bring wheels to Kideris. In 1940, excavations in Kideris Marsh unveiled two Neolithic disc wheels

cut from a single piece of oakwood, one complete and one incomplete.

The wheels measured approximately 73,5 and 78 centimeters in diameter with a hub diameter of approximately 15 and 17 centimeters.

After thorough examination, the wheels were dated back to 2.800 BC, which makes them the oldest disc wheels ever discovered in Northern Europe.

The city of Lind

Lind is the most southern part of the city of Herning and has approximately 5.000 inhabitants.

Lind, part of Rind, was for a long time larger than Herning. In 1787 it had 95 inhabitants, and Lind School can be traced back as far as 1742.

The town has two schools, a newly built nursing home and state of the art sports facilities.

Lind experienced a boom in new settlers in the 1960s when the Danish middle class moved from the town centres to new developments. In recent

years the city has experienced a second boom.

Through the years Lind has attracted several companies, such as the Skjold plow factory and today Lind is home to, amongst others, Nel Hydrogen Fueling, one of the worlds leading manufacturers of hydrogen fueling stations.

Just north-east of Lind, between the town and the highway, a new recreational landscape has been

created in recent years. The area contains paths for walking, running and mountain biking.

Additional information

Lind is hometown of parliamentarian J.K. Lauridsen (1858 - 1905). He was notorious as a sharp and witty politician, and is the man behind a famous Danish quote spoken from the Danish Parliament podium in 1888: *"Next to the sex drive, the driving of trains is the strongest of all human drives"*.



The system of motorways

Herning is an important transportation hub for all of Denmark.

Herning has been an important logistical centre for many years due to the fact that several main roads cross in the city.

Since the 1980s Herning's politicians, businesses and other interested parties have worked to improve the road infrastructure.

In 2002, Herning got the first stretch of motorway,

and in the following years new motorways have opened in many directions.

Today Herning is connected to Vejle to the south - and E45 which stretches from Karesuando in Sweden to Gela in Sicily - to Aarhus in the east.

In May 2017 a motorway west of Herning opened and in 2018 it will expand north to Holstebro.

Additional information

Herning is actually the first Danish city to have a complete ring road of high velocity roads.

The construction of the roads have had a pleasant side effect: A number of new lakes have been established in and around Herning, including Fuglsang Lake, which is now a popular beach and recreational area.



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The sculpture of a cyclist

Stainless steel sculpture celebrating Herning's love for cycling and the Giro d'Italia legacy.

The peloton will pass through the roundabout where Kaj Zartows Vej, Messevejen og Chr Ydes Vej meet.

In the middle of the roundabout a sculpture of a cyclist is mounted. The sculpture was erected in 2012, when the first two stages of Giro d'Italia had both departure and finish in Herning, and is in fact a copy of the Giro logo.

The sculpture was created by eight employees at Herning Kleinsmedie (A local boilermaker) who decided to spend their weekends creating a lasting memory of the Giro, and a manifestation of Herning's special relationship with cycling.

The cyclist is made of stainless steel and measures 3,5 by 3,5 meters. It weighs approximately 500 kilograms.

Additional information

The metal industry has a long and proud tradition in the Herning area.

In 2009 Herning became home to DAMRC (Danish Advanced Manufacturing Research Center) that transforms the latest knowledge into practical solutions in close collaboration with the metal industry to optimize production.



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The Knudmose Hill

Knudmosen is a large green area between Herning and Lind
dating back to 3.000 BC.

Mose means bog or marsh, and the name Knudmose first appeared in 1638. Knudmosen covers an area of around 275 hectare and excavations have shown human activity in the area since 3.000 BC.

In 1891 Enrico Dalgas decided to improve the area, and large parts of the marsh was converted to meadow.

Dalgas also made plans for using the large peat-

areas in Knudmosen. During the occupation of Denmark in 1940-1945, peat became a primary heating source in Danish households, and peat digging grew tremendously. A local peat digging company reported that they dug 8.000 tonnes of peat in just three months (around 16-18 million pieces of peat).

Peat digging stopped in 1961. A long discussion about the future of the area ensued, with amongst others, renowned landscape architect C. Th.

Sørensen weighing in with an idea to create a hill in the part of the area, that was previously a landfill. A complete plan for the area was approved in 1986.

Additional information

Peat digging in the marsh was not a new thing in the 1940s.

During excavations archaeologists from Herning Museum has found remains of shovels dating back to the Iron Age (1.000 BC - 500 AD) in the marsh.

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Herning's South Side

A blooming residential area within the city of Herning.

In this millennium, a former industrial area in the southern part of Herning just north of Knudmosen has been transformed into a modern and popular residential area.

A plan for the area was approved by the city council in the late 1990s, and the first residential buildings were constructed a few years later.

Today the area is almost completely changed with hundreds of new apartments at different price ranges. So far, one of three planned 12-story buildings has been erected.

The area has a number of apartments reserved for senior citizens as well as apartments for students and living communities for disabled people.

Additional information

Herning is a growing city. In 2006 the city of Herning had 44.437 inhabitants. On January 1st 2017 the number had risen to 49.229, an increase of approximately 11 percent in 10 years.

As of January 1st 2017 the entire municipality of Herning had 88.386 inhabitants.



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Central Herning City

Herning - where the sky is the limit.

The first steps towards creating the city of Herning as we know it today, was the establishment of the railroad, which created a new natural town centre. Until then the town centre was located a few miles to the north-west.

The development was accelerated in 1882, when Herning decided to emancipate itself from Rind Parish to the south.

In 1913 Herning became a borough with trading rights. This stimulated local business growth, and since then Herning has been the natural hub of the area.

Additional information

The centre of Herning offers many recreational and cultural opportunities. Besides a large number of shops, hotels, galleries, bars, cafes and restaurants,

you can find museums, The Team Theatre, BioCity - a large cinema, and the music venues Fermaten with a capacity of 700 and Scene 7 with a capacity of 200.

You can also visit the culture house Huset No 7, read a book at the award winning library, take a swim at DGI Huset or enjoy a show at MCH Congress Center.



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Hotel Eyde

Rich in tradition, Hotel Eyde was built in 1839.

At the time of the inauguration, Hotel Eyde was called Christiansminde Inn. The building was just one of three buildings in Herning, a city with around 20 inhabitants at the time.

17 years later, Christiansminde Inn was sold to John Eyde, and in 1882 he sold the Inn to Chr. Jensen who began a major transformation.

In 1885 the transformation of the eastern part of the inn was completed and in 1893 the completion of the western part of the inn followed. This is the street entrance of the building as seen today.

After the transformation, the inn was renamed Hotel Eyde. Since then, the hotel has had changing owners and has undergone continuous renovation and expansion all in keeping with the atmosphere and historical background of the place.

Now owned by the Diderichsens family, Hotel Eyde continues to undergo extensive renovation to ensure that it remains an exciting combination of classic elegance and homely comfort mixed with the conveniences of modern life.

Today Hotel Eyde has 119 rooms and suites, which

have all been renovated in recent years.

In both 2016 and 2017 Hotel Eyde has been named Scandinavia's best hotel among the 133 hotels affiliated with Best Western.

Additional information

John Eyde was a visionary man and when he donated land for the construction of Herning Church in 1884 he made sure that the land between his inn and the church was registered as town square. In doing so he ensured that the inn would always have a central position on the town square.

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The town square

The town square in Herning is a central spot and meeting ground for the citizens.

John Eyde donated the town square to Herning shortly after the town became an independent municipality and it was officially approved as town square on June 30th 1884.

The town square was already blooming in the 1850s where market and cattle-like activities took place.

Through the years, the town square has been home to many celebrations, for instance when Herning was named a borough in 1913 and the British liberation of Denmark on May 5th 1945.

In the 1990s the town square became a car free area and today the town square is an integral part of the pedestrian street.

The town square landmarks are Herning Church and the Bang & Olufsen flagship store to the north, Hotel Eyde to the south, City Hall to the west and the former Bank "Hedebanken" to the south-east.

The town square is home to a sculpture by the renowned English artist Henry Moore, called "Seated Woman".

A wide variety of musical, cultural and sport events take place on the town square.

Following his 1996 Tour de France victory, Bjarne Riis was celebrated on the town square and a plaque with his name was placed in the square.

In 2012 the first stage (TT) of the Giro d'Italia

passed the square with thousands of people cheering the riders.

Additional information

Every year in August the professional bike street race "Herning City Gadeløbet" draws thousands of spectators for a day of cycling and fun. The race starts and finishes on the town square.

The festive bike race has been held for 38 consecutive years and August 11th 2017 will mark the 39th time.

Among past winners of the long standing race are Michael Blaudzun, Verner Blaudzun, Eigil Sørensen, Harly Hyldgaard, Jesper Skibby, Michael Mørkøv and Per Pedersen.



Herning Church

Designed by architect C. A. Wiinholt, built in the late 1880s
and inaugurated in 1889.

Herning Church replaced the ancient medieval church, which no longer held a central position due to urban development and was now positioned outside of town.

C. A. Wiinholt designed the church in the romantic style of the medieval times and was very conscious of the fact that the church should be harmonious with the surroundings.

John Eyde, the owner of Hotel Eyde, donated land for the construction of Herning Church, which explains why both Herning Church and Hotel Eyde hold such significant positions on the town square.

Unlike other churches in Denmark, the entrance of Herning Church is on a north-south-axis due to its entrance from the town square. The chancel faces north and the tower faces south.

The church has been expanded and modernised several times, the first time in 1903. The base of the church contains recycled materials from the old church. The altar has been replaced but the original altar has been preserved and can be seen in the church.

The original altar and altarpiece is ceramics and was modelled and decorated by Th. Bindesbøll and created by Herman A. Kähler in 1891. Today the ceramic altar is placed in the church sacristy and is one of the biggest art treasures of Herning. In 1917 it was replaced by a larger altar and altarpiece painted by Joakim Skovgaard.

At its 100-year anniversary in 1989 the church was given a crucifix created by Erik Heide. Furthermore, a carillon, with 48 bells moulded in France, was consecrated.

The Herning Boys Choir sings at services in the church. The choir was founded in 1949 and is among the oldest and best boys' choirs in Denmark. It is renowned in Denmark as well as internationally. Since 1984, Mads Bille has directed the choir. The choir consists of about 45 boys and young men, the majority of which have been members of the choir since being enrolled in the preschool choir at the age of 8-9.

Additional information

Whenever Herning City hosts Open By Night, Herning Church opens its doors to anyone interested in seeing, hearing and experiencing the church in a new and different way.

On some occasions a demonstration of the large church organ and the many bells of the church tower will take place.



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The pedestrian street

Herning's first pedestrian-only street, was inaugurated in November 1982.

Today the streets in question are Bredgade (Broad Street), and parts of Østergade (East Street), Skolegade (School Street) and Bryggergade (Brewers Street).

Pedestrian-only streets became popular throughout Europe in the rebuilding after the Second World War.

Until 1979, Herning's current pedestrian street was the main highway between Aarhus on the east

coast of Jutland and Ringkøbing on the west coast.

When Dronningens Boulevard was built to relieve traffic, it presented an opportunity to convert the former highway from car-traffic to foot-traffic.

Since 2009 the pedestrian street has been modernized with a uniquely designed granite paving.

The project is undertaken in stages, and in 2017, the

largest stage - in Bredgade - is completed.

Additional information

In 2014 a new attraction opened on Herning's pedestrian street - a new and modern library in a converted supermarket.

The library attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors every year and has proved extremely popular. In 2015 the library won an award for the best renovation of an existing building in Denmark.



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Elia

Colossal fire spewing spherical sculpture, designed by sculptor Ingvar Cronhammer.

The sculpture Elia is an artistic landmark for Herning and was inaugurated on September 27th 2001.

The sculpture cost approximately €3.1 million to build and the money was raised by local people, for instance the former mayor of Herning, N. O. Hansen.

The sculpture is shaped like an 11 meter tall spherical cap with a diameter of 60 meters and contains 380 tons of steel.

The base of the sculpture is constructed as the spherical cap and the centre of the base is 4 meters below the ground, which creates a resonant room

of approximately 33.000 cubic metres.

From the bottom of the sphere four pillars rise 32 meters into the air. They are topped with red domes, illuminated from below and equipped with spires to attract lightning. In the event of a lightning strike, there will be a powerful resonant sound effect in the interior of the sculpture.

A gas burner is located between the four pillars, which shoots a pillar of fire about one meter wide and 8.4 meters high up between the pillars at random intervals. A computer controlled by a sensor, ignites the gas flame at random once within an 18-day period.

Four large staircases are built into the spherical cap facing each of the four corners of the globe. The staircases end on a platform from which there is a beautiful view of Herning.

Several other artworks by Ingvar Cronhammer can be seen in the Birk and Herning area, including Abyss next to Aarhus University in Birk, close by Elia.

Additional information

Every year on the Saturday closest to September 27th, the inside of Elia is open to the public as a celebration of its birthday. This provides the public with a unique opportunity to take a guided tour of Elia, both inside and outside.

Birk Centerpark

**Architectural and modern business, educational and living
area in the eastern part of Herning.**

A modern part of Herning, also known as “The White City” where business, education and culture melt together.

Landscape, architecture and function come together and create an innovative and creative environment, which attracts students, entrepreneurs, artists, agents, etc. from all over the country.

The seed was planted in the 1960s when the manufacturer Aage Damgaard constructed a snail shaped shirt fabric called Angli.

In 1996 a masterplan for the area was drawn up. This plan took into account construction possibilities, materials, landscaping and infrastructure.

Architecture and landscaping at Birk Centerpark is based on a tightly planned geometrical schema where marked axes and basic geometrical figures decide the shape and placement of the buildings. Seen as universal symbols for the spiritual and the materialistic, the circle and the square are recurrent elements in the planning of the area.

Currently located at Birk Centerpark is:

- HEART Herning Museum of Contemporary Art
- Carl-Henning Pedersen & Else Alfelts Museum
- Angli. The courtyard of this old shirt factory contains the largest ceramic artwork in Denmark. The artwork is called Fantasy Play Around the Wheel of Life and was created by Carl-Henning Pedersen.
- The Sculpture Park. The circular park contains thirty-six different sculptures, each given its own separate section. Designed by C. Th. Sørensen.
- The Geometrical Gardens. Designed by C. Th. Sørensen. The Geometrical Gardens is a series of hedges in geometric shapes that are juxtaposed in a design only clearly visible from the air. All shapes follow a mathematical formula.
- Via Design. The largest fashion and lifestyle business and design school in Scandinavia.
- Department of Business Development and Technology – AU Herning. Aarhus University's centre for research and higher education in Herning. Built in 1995. Attracts students from all over the world with degree programmes such as Economics and Business Administration, Global Management and Manufacturing, as well as engineering programmes within the fields of

business development, electronic design and much more.

- Elia. Created by the sculptor Ingvar Cronhamer.
- Innovatorium. Incubator-environment for innovative entrepreneurs who wish to start their own business.
- The Utzon House. Designed by the world famous architect Jørn Utzon. The house was built in 1970 and is intended to be a prototype for a schoolhouse in Birk. Today the house is a private residence.
- Private hospital Aleris-Hamlet.
- Sagro. Consultancy Company for the agriculture industry.
- More than 300 student housing apartments.

Additional information

Birk Centerpark offers unique experiences for the entire family.

Explore the many artistic works in the circular sculpture park, walk the Geometric Gardens and experience the absolute masterpieces of horticulture, climb Elia, the biggest sculpture in northern Europe, which provides a spectacular view of Herning or visit the two art museums.

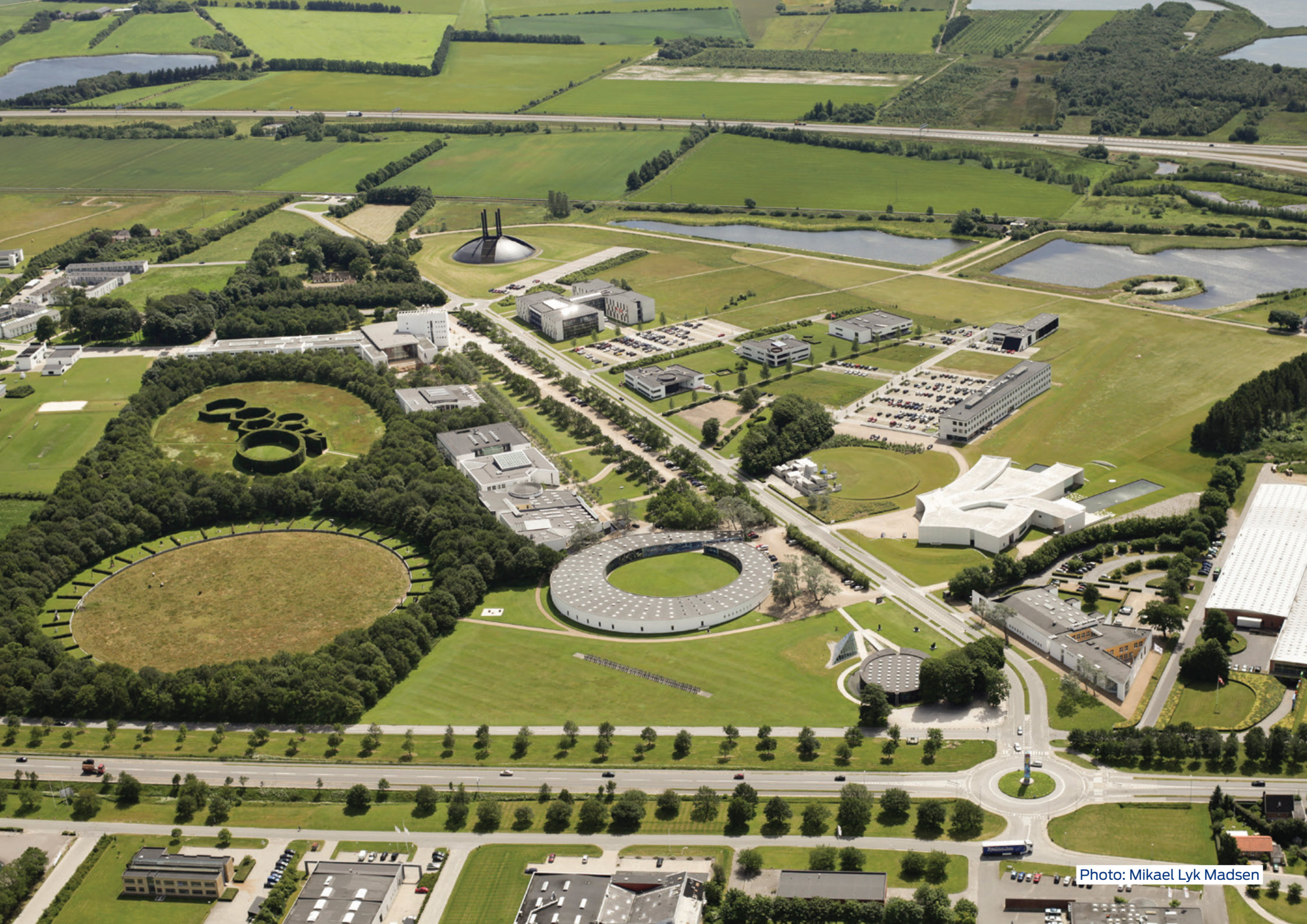


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HEART

HEART - Herning Museum of Contemporary Art

On September 9th 2009 HEART Herning Museum of Contemporary Art opened in a new building designed by the American architect Steven Holl.

HEART is located in Birk Centerpark in the eastern part of Herning.

Seen from above, HEART looks like a collection of shirt sleeves. The structure of the building is inspired by the textile history of the area and the former home of Herning Museum of Art in an old shirt factory.

Aage Damgaard paved the way with his strong interest in art. He would invite artists to develop

their art at his shirt factory Angli hereby fusing art and production together. Paul Gadegaard was employed as a "house artist" for more than 10 years and turned the entire Angli factory into a work of art called The Black Factory.

The collection holds Danish and international conceptual and experimental art from the 1930s till today. It consists of works by, among others, Paul Gadegaard, Ingvar Cronhammar, Bjørn Nørgaard, John Kørner and Troels Wørsel.

HEART shows two special exhibitions every year and houses the world's largest collection of works from the Italian conceptual artist, Piero Manzoni, who was invited to live in Herning in 1960 and '61 by

Aage Damgaard, and left behind 37 works of art.

One of the main works from Manzoni's hand is "Socle du Monde" - The bedrock of the world. HEARTS's biennale, the oldest in Denmark, is named after this piece. The 2017-edition "Socle du Monde Biennale 2017 - to challenge the Earth, The Moon, the Sun & the Stars" is currently showing until August 27th 2017.

Additional information

The museum's full name is a mouthful to say and a mindful to remember. To give the organisation a more human and emotional touch, a name that truly reflects the identity and the mission was made. Herning + Art = HEART.



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CHPEA Museum

Carl-Henning Pedersen & Else Alfelts Museum.

In 1973 Carl-Henning Pedersen decided to donate a large collection of his works to the municipality of Herning if they would, in return, construct a Museum for exhibition and storage purposes.

The Museum, located in Birk Centerpark in the eastern part of Herning, was inaugurated on September 13th 1976 with the participation of Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark.

The main building is cylindrical and is lined with colourful tile decorations by Carl-Henning Pedersen.

Carl-Henning Pedersen and Else Alfelt were members of the European avant-garde movement COBRA. Their works were characterized by an abstract expressive genre drawing inspiration from children's drawings, northern mythology, etc.

The museum houses a collection of more than

5,000 works of Carl-Henning Pedersen and Else Alfelt. A couple of times a year special exhibitions by artists related to the COBRA-movement are presented.

Fables, horses, birds and cosmic creatures fill the works of Carl-Henning Pedersen as well as an extensive use of the colour blue.

Else Alfelt was inspired by nature and often sketched her works with a pencil before painting the space between the lines with carefully matched shades of colours.

In 1993 the museum was expanded with an extension shaped like a three-sided prism. One side is made of glass and the other two are covered in blue ceramic tiles.

In 2015 the latest expansion of the museum,

a 1.000 square meter underground "treasure chamber" was inaugurated.

Carl-Henning Pedersen has stated that the museum is a magical place in the heart of Jutland.

Initially, the museum was supposed to be located in Copenhagen, but having worked on a 1.000 square meter decoration at Aage Damgaards shirt factory Angli, Carl-Henning Pedersen decided to bring the museum to Herning.

Additional information

It is true that the museum offers its very own fairytale. The fairytale of a man and a woman who share a passion for art and insisted on being artists in a time where money was scarce and recognition even more so. As a true fairytale it ended happily with the recognition of posterity and a museum to call their own.

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herningCentret

Large shopping centre with more than
80 shops and restaurants.

The shopping centre “herningCentret” is the largest shopping centre in the area, with 80 shops, 9 restaurants and a kids funhouse, as well as an 11 story office building.

The centre was first opened in 1978 and at the time had 17 shops.

herningCentret has been expanded a number of times. Expansions opened in 1980, 1988, 1999, 2006, 2009 and most recently in 2016.

In 2016 the shopping centre had around 3,6 million visitors. The combined sale from the shops in the centre was around €115 million.

Additional information

Since the opening in 1978 more than 80 million people have visited herningCentret.

Today the shopping centre attracts customers from a large area, including many tourists vacationing on the west coast.



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Courthouse

Designed by the architects C.A. Wiinholt and Andreas Hagerup
in the historic style, Historicism.

Inaugurated in 1894 and the third courthouse in Herning. It was constructed on the site of the second courthouse which was built in 1857.

At the inauguration in 1894, the area in front of the town house was defined by two half arched walls. The western wall has since been removed.

The construction of the courthouse moved the local balance of power from nearby Gjellerup to Herning, contributing to the growth of the city of Herning.

The courthouse measures 29,2 meters from base to the top of the spire.

It is believed that the building cost roughly €10.000 to construct.

In 1982, the courthouse was declared a protected building.

Recently the courthouse underwent a much needed exterior renovation that has once again brought the

beautiful architectural details back.

The courthouse has been used as a law court and today it has been merged with the local prison.

Additional information

The court in Herning moved to new buildings on Haraldsgade in March 2012.

Planning of a new police station next to it has also begun.



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New hospital in Gødstrup

Large, modern hospital which will service the entire region.

Currently under construction, the new hospital in Gødstrup, just west of Herning, is scheduled to open in 2020. Region Midtjylland runs and builds the hospital.

The new hospital will be the main medical centre for the western and middle part of Jutland. It will have approximately 4.000 employees.

Construction began in 2012. The hospital has a budget of €470 million and when finished, it will be approximately 140.000 square meters.

Next to the hospital a new research and education centre, called NIDO, will be constructed. The hospital is part of a large plan to renew and modernize a number of Danish hospitals.

Additional information

The first hospital in Herning was inaugurated in 1910 and occupies more than 100.000 square meters. When the new hospital opens, the old hospital will be redeveloped into a vibrant neighbourhood called Herning+ with green areas and apartments. The neighbourhood will set the stage for every day life, culture and upcoming events in Herning.



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Fuglsang Lake

Artificial lake and recreational area excavated during the large motorway construction.

Fuglsang Lake is an artificial lake excavated from 2002 to 2005 and inaugurated in 2006. It is 800 meters long, 450 meters wide and 6 meters at the deepest point. The surface covers 27 hectare.

Foresight and planning created Fuglsang Lake. The philosophy behind the project is “what we do not have in Herning we create ourselves”.

The realization of the lake was made possible in connection with the large motorway construction in the area around Herning because it required large volumes of sand.

Fuglsang Lake is a recreational area with a network

of public paths that branch out all the way around the lake.

The lake is a swimming lake and has been assigned the blue flag, which indicates good clean water. It is a popular lake for winter swimming.

The lake is a closed groundwater lake without inlets and outlets and motor driven boats are not allowed.

Biologists and engineers have carefully planned the lake in order to ensure good living conditions for animals and plants and fishing in the lake is permitted with a valid fishing license.

During the summer it is a big attraction for the

citizens of Herning who come to enjoy the good weather and swim in the lake.

In 2017 the waters of Fuglsang Lake was used for the swimming leg of the ETU Middle Distance European Triathlon Championships - Challenge Denmark - with around 2.000 participants.

Additional information

Herning is home to lakes dating back to the Ice Age. Our ancestors have created lakes and ponds while excavating peat and lignite.

Other great swimming lakes near Herning are Arnborg Lake, Holtbjerg Lake, Sunds Lake, Børnesøen in Kibæk and many more.

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Agriculture around Herning

One of Denmark's leading areas for agriculture, supplying
the entire world with high quality meat.

Denmark, and the central part of Jutland, is renowned for producing some of the best foodstuffs in the world.

While other industries have grown tremendously in the last 50 years, Denmark is still, to a large extent, a food and farming country. About 200.000 Danes are employed in farming and food production.

In 2016 Danish farmers exported foodstuffs equaling a value of €15 billion. The export of pigs amounted to €4 billion.

When traveling through the Danish countryside you cannot help but notice the many farms, both small and big, that lies throughout the landscape. Sixty one percent of Denmark is cultivated.

Additional information

The massive agricultural production in the region has led to a large number of businesses. Herning is home to one of Denmark's largest slaughterhouses.

In later years, the booming popularity of ecology has led to a rising demand for pigs that are breed ecologically and free range.



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Herning Station

Train and bus station with more than two million passengers every year.

Herning's first station was inaugurated on August 28th 1877. The arrival of the railway was crucial for the development of Herning.

The first railway line connected Herning with Skanderborg just south of Aarhus. In the following years, more lines to Skjern and Holstebro followed, and the first station quickly became too small. A new station was built in 1906.

More railway lines were added in the following

decades, and in April of 1979 Herning's current station was ready. The station is connected to the platforms via a pedestrian bridge.

In 2017 a new passenger terminal, which services train and bus passengers, was inaugurated.

Today Herning has direct trains to cities such as Copenhagen (3 hours, 15 minutes), Aarhus (1 hour, 15 minutes), Vejle (1 hour) and Holstebro (30 minutes).

Additional information

The construction of the 1979-station was closely tied to the construction of a thoroughfare road that relieved car traffic and was called Dronningens Boulevard (The Queen's Boulevard, named after Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark).

The road and rail construction project was a huge undertaking that cost more than 1 billion Danish kroner in today's prices. Part of Dronningens Boulevard is on the route for EuroRoad17.



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Herning Congress Center

**Herning is one of Scandinavia's leading cities
when it comes to conventions and conferences.**

Herning Congress Center in downtown Herning is part of the MCH company. The first hall of the Congress Center, inaugurated in 1954, was also the very first step towards creating MCH.

The Congress Center was expanded and renovated in 1986, where a theatre hall and a number of meeting rooms were added.

The glass pyramid in front of the Congress Center was built in 2000 - the pyramid is the entrance to

the underground Restaurant "Teaterkælderen" (The Theatre Cellar).

Herning Congress Center hosts a wide variety of entertainment, music and conferences throughout the year.

The Congress Center is particularly known for the annual musicals, where professional singers and local amateurs team up to make grand scale renditions of musical classics.

This tradition celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2017, when Les Misérables will premiere on September 13th.

Additional information

In 1986 Mads Eg Damgaard gave the sculpture "Seated Woman" by Henry Moore to the city, to be placed in front of the Congress Center. The sculpture, which was later moved to the Town Square, has an estimated value of more than €33 million.



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The Textile Museum

Museum portraying the past and present of textile production locally and globally.

The first textile factory in Herning, Herning Uldspinderi, was established as a wool mill in 1876.

In 1916 it was transformed into a joint-stock company with the name Brdr. Lunds Fabrikker A/S.

Later it was renamed Herning Klædefabrik (Herning Clothing Factory).

During the last years of existence the company Ege (formerly Egetæpper) and Mads Eg Damgaard acquired the clothing factory to produce exclusive clothing fabrics.

Today the buildings are part of Museum Midtjylland under the name Tekstilmuseet (The Textile Museum).

The Textile Museum is a great example of how an industrial installation can be restored and used as a beautiful and inspirational presentation of Central Jutland's former main industry, the textile industry.

The various aspects of textile production, past and present, locally and globally, come to life through exhibitions and workshops.

A large scale renovation of The Textile Museum and

its exhibitions is currently in the works.

Additional information

In 2007 the Heritage Agency of Denmark identified textile town Herning as one of 25 industrial areas that are of special importance to Denmark and industrialization.

The textile and clothing industry of Central Jutland is now a part of the Danish cultural heritage.

The textile town Herning extends from Hammerum to Birk and from here to Herning Klædefabrik on Vestergade.



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Herningsholm Museum

**A former manor house founded by the holstein
nobleman Josva von Qualen in 1579.**

Herningsholm is the oldest building in Herning and it is protected. It was built as a fortification, but has never had any military significance.

Herningsholm has had great influence on agriculture and employment in the area. It is also known as the cradle of the areas' textile industry, as owner Christian Rantzau decided to expand into sheepfarming and wool-production in 1638.

It is built on the site of the old farm Vig, which was an estate with 10 farms in the 15th century .

The building underwent careful restoration from 1975 to 1980, and today houses the Herningsholm Museum.

The Herningsholm Museum has an exhibition on the history of the manor and is home to a unique collection of the writer and poet St. St. Blicher's first editions, original handwritings and illustrations.

Approximately 100 years ago, Herningsholm was still a building with wings, but in 1918 part of it was removed and the recycled building materials were sold.

A long standing tradition sees the inhabitants of Herning assemble in the Herningsholm Park to celebrate St. John's Eve.

Every other Saturday from April to October civil wedding ceremonies are performed in the beautiful great hall at Herningsholm.

Additional information

Herningsholm was once a manor with vast lands on all sides. Today the only reminder of the grand estate is the surrounding park and the main building.



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