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### Enable Sustainable Life through Architecture

A lecture by Alexandra Hagen / White Arkitekter, Stockholm, on June 22, 2021 at 6:30 pm via livestream

Since the very beginning, White Arkitekter has been characterised by sustainability and humanistic approach. The first environmental and energy specialists were hired as early as the 90s. In 2020, the employee-owned architectural practice declared a new vision – by 2030 all their projects to be climate neutral, or better, by 2030.

By increased focus on circular architecture, innovation and being at the forefront of development and implementation of new technology, we can drive the climate transition and create healthy, inclusive and beautiful spaces for people to thrive and grow at the same time.

*“Our quest is to fuse beauty and sustainability together through design excellence. The humanist approach is important to us. We are all affected by our surroundings and we thrive in spaces where we feel safe and free and where we are exposed to beauty. In the long run, only buildings and spaces that are loved and cherished by people remain inhabited and survive the test of time”, says Alexandra Hagen, CEO of White Arkitekter.*

*“As architects, we should use our ability to broaden the professional role into new fields. This can help to create better conditions for sustainable urban development and architecture, as we our competence lies at the intersection between technology and the Humanities”, says Alexandra Hagen.*

#### About

Alexandra Hagen has been an architect and leader at White Arkitekter since 2001. During the years she has held several roles, including International Director and Director of Research and Development, before assuming the position of CEO in 2018.

Alexandra Hagen is a board member of Sweden Green Building Council, Digital Twin Cities Centre and Malmö University. She was also in the master jury of Dezeen Awards 2020 and WAF Awards.

#### White Arkitekter

White Arkitekter is one of Scandinavia’s leading architectural practices. It is an interdisciplinary practice working with sustainable architecture, urban design, landscape architecture and interior design for current and future generations. Their mission is to enable sustainable life through the art of architecture. And the vision is for 2030 that all their architecture will be climate positive. White Arkitekter is an employee-owned architecture collective of about 700 employees, with presence in Sweden, Norway, UK, Germany, Canada and East Africa.

#### Recent projects:

Hamntorget, Stockholm, Sweden. Reactivated public space that recently won the Monocle Design Awards. Completed in 2020.

Selma Lagerlöf Cultural Center, Gothenburg, Sweden. Awarded for its interior design with 92 % reused furniture. Completed in 2019.

Sara Cultural Center, Skellefteå, Sweden. One of the world's tallest timber buildings. To be inaugurated in September 2021.

Climate Innovation District, Leeds, UK. Masterplan converting a brownfield site into a resilient, green, mixed use neighbourhood. Winner of Housing Design Awards 2020. Completion expected in 2022.

Heinzelmann Areal, Reutlingen, Germany. Transformation of an industrial area into a sustainable mixed-use district. Completion expected in 2023.

Nuuk, Greenland. Psychiatric clinic in wood, announced as winner in Future projects health category at the 2019 World Architecture Festival. Completion expected 2023.

Moorfields Eye Hospital, London, UK. New urban world-leading eye care center, bringing together eye care, research and education in one integrated, flexible and sustainable facility. Completion expected in 2026.

Kiruna, Sweden. Masterplan of Kiruna's phased relocation. One of the biggest urban transformation projects in recent history. Completion expected in 2033.