

Rethinking The Future Home

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Part of Compact Living: Less space, more life



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OBOS Living Lab tests new housing ideas with residents in real apartments

Søren Secher of OBOS Living Lab presented the lab as a full-scale test arena where OBOS explores the future home together with its residents. He framed the work against four trends: climate change and extreme weather, urbanisation and housing affordability, more single households, and an ageing population. The lab has 34 rental apartments and 60 residents. Floors 1–3 explore housing models such as shared spaces, co-living, flexible layouts and compact homes, while floors 4–6 are modern apartments where materials and technologies from a range of suppliers are tested. Sensors and other measurements collect data on usage patterns, behaviour and energy performance, and residents are at the centre of every project. His notes named Bo Kompakt, launched at the lab that day, as the example project. The stated aim is housing that is more sustainable, cheaper and better.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- OBOS Living Lab is a full-scale test arena with 34 rental apartments and 60 residents.
- Floors 1–3 test housing models such as co-living, shared spaces, flexible layouts and compact homes.
- Sensors collect data on usage patterns, behaviour and energy performance to see how solutions work in practice.
- Topics include compact living, storage, artificial daylight, noise and acoustics, senior concepts and shared laundry.
- The lab most often tests things the current regulations do not allow, according to the speaker notes.

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Rental apartments in the test building