JMA Wireless Delivers Ubiquitous Cellular Coverage to Aarhus Developments

Overview: Many Buildings, One Wireless Platform

When thinking of major cities in Denmark, Copenhagen usually comes to mind first. However, Aarhus, located 187 kilometers northwest of Copenhagen, is the country’s second biggest city and has become a key destination for many reasons. It is not only the largest city for industry, services and trade on the Jutland Peninsula, but it also is one of the top 100 conference cities in the world and home to Scandinavia’s largest university, Aarhus University. Furthermore, in 2017 it was named by the European Union as the European Capital of Culture, a great honor that has elevated the city’s visibility and profile on an international scale. This vibrant metropolis is also the second fastest growing Danish city. To accommodate this rapid growth, many residential and/or mixed use developments initially with fifteen buildings have been constructed in the Aarhus area. These buildings offer it all to their residents, from underground parking and beautiful city or water views to expansive recreational areas and robust mobile communication. Traditionally, residential complexes have depended upon the outdoor macro tower to provide cellular coverage and capacity. However, the RAN host, Stofa, knew to ensure powerful and cost-efficient wireless connectivity across these four developments a DAS (distributed antenna system) would be required. Working with system integrator, KM Telecom, they decided to deploy the C-DAS (centralized DAS) offering from global wireless innovator, JMA Wireless. This multi-band, multi-carrier offering is an iteration of JMA Wireless’ popular TEKO DAS solution that has been deployed around the globe.
Situation: Complex Wireless Communications Deployment

The Aarhus deployment is unlike any other in that it involves a massive number of residences and businesses that require dependable cellular communications. This challenge is further complicated by the fact that Aarhus is the Danish city with the youngest demographics, which means that many of the buildings’ occupants are millennials, the biggest users of mobile communications. The demand for cellular connectivity is very high throughout these four developments, which leads to a critical issue known as densification. Mobile operators define densification as a concentrated area of mobile subscribers with a high demand for cellular connectivity. This demand cannot be cost-effectively satisfied by macro towers alone.

In Denmark, all new building projects are being constructed as Class 1 low-energy structures, which presents another issue to robust indoor mobile communications. These energy efficient facilities include low-energy window glass, which reduces utility costs and increases the comfort for occupants. This is accomplished by controlling the amount of solar energy that enters a building. However, low-energy glass also impedes the cellular signal from entering and leaving buildings, further negatively impacting indoor mobile communications.

How onsite real estate is used in these developments is key to revenue generation; therefore, it is critical that the wireless network infrastructure equipment not occupy valuable space in the buildings. An on-premise equipment room detracts from property that can be used for a residence, retail or office. An offsite solution was necessary. The DAS needed to support multiple technologies and multiple carriers to ensure cellular connectivity for the thousands of building occupants as well as visitors who may be staying with friends and relatives in this vibrant city. In addition, it had to be future-proof so it could easily support new technologies. Extensive downtime for upgrades is just not an option.

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<td>150 residences, 500 parking spots, and 35,000 sqm dedicated to businesses.</td>
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<td>Located in the district of Risskov, includes light businesses, residences and 24,000 sqm of green space.</td>
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Solution: C-DAS – The Efficient, Cost-Effective Solution

The Aarhus deployment with its four residential zones known as Frederick’s Place, Pakhusene, Island 4 Aarhus and Risskov Brynet, cover almost 240,000 sqm. Within these developments initially there are 15 buildings with residential, office and retail space, all requiring reliable cellular coverage. To accomplish this goal, KM Telecom deployed the C-DAS solution from JMA Wireless. During the initial phase of this project, a six-person team deployed two sectors, supporting the mobile operators, TDC, Telia and Telenor, and 3G and 4G.

With the C-DAS technology, the central processing equipment is in a lower cost offsite BTS (base transceiver station) hotel located in central Aarhus. It was not necessary to use valuable real estate in the developments for onsite DAS equipment rooms. Using point-to-point links, cellular coverage and capacity are being supplied to locations up to 20 kilometers away, even to Island 4 Aarhus, a manmade island with a variety of residences.

Inside the buildings, only low and high-power 3G and 4G remote units (RUs) are deployed. The C-DAS technology has proven to not only save up to 85 percent of valuable onsite real estate space, but it also generates further cost savings by minimizing fiber infrastructure requirements, resulting in significantly reduced costs.

In addition, C-DAS offers the ability to easily move capacity into different areas as needed. For example, the capacity used for businesses during the week can be reallocated to residences on the week-ends or in the evenings when people are at home. This capability not only efficiently supports the needs of the different areas, but also provides better utilization of spectrum.

Finally, the C-DAS technology is a future-proof solution that can readily support additional carriers and the latest technologies. Any changes can be accomplished with minimal downtime so as not to impact the user experience.

Result: Ready for Expansion

As the second fastest growing city in Denmark, the Aarhus project will continue to expand until 2020 to accommodate this growth. It is anticipated that the two sector system will increase to eight sectors. With the C-DAS technology, this growth will be handled cost-effectively and efficiently. Minimum disruption and maximum cellular coverage and capacity are guaranteed with this innovative JMA Wireless offering.

The compact remote unit enables reliable mobile communications onsite.
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