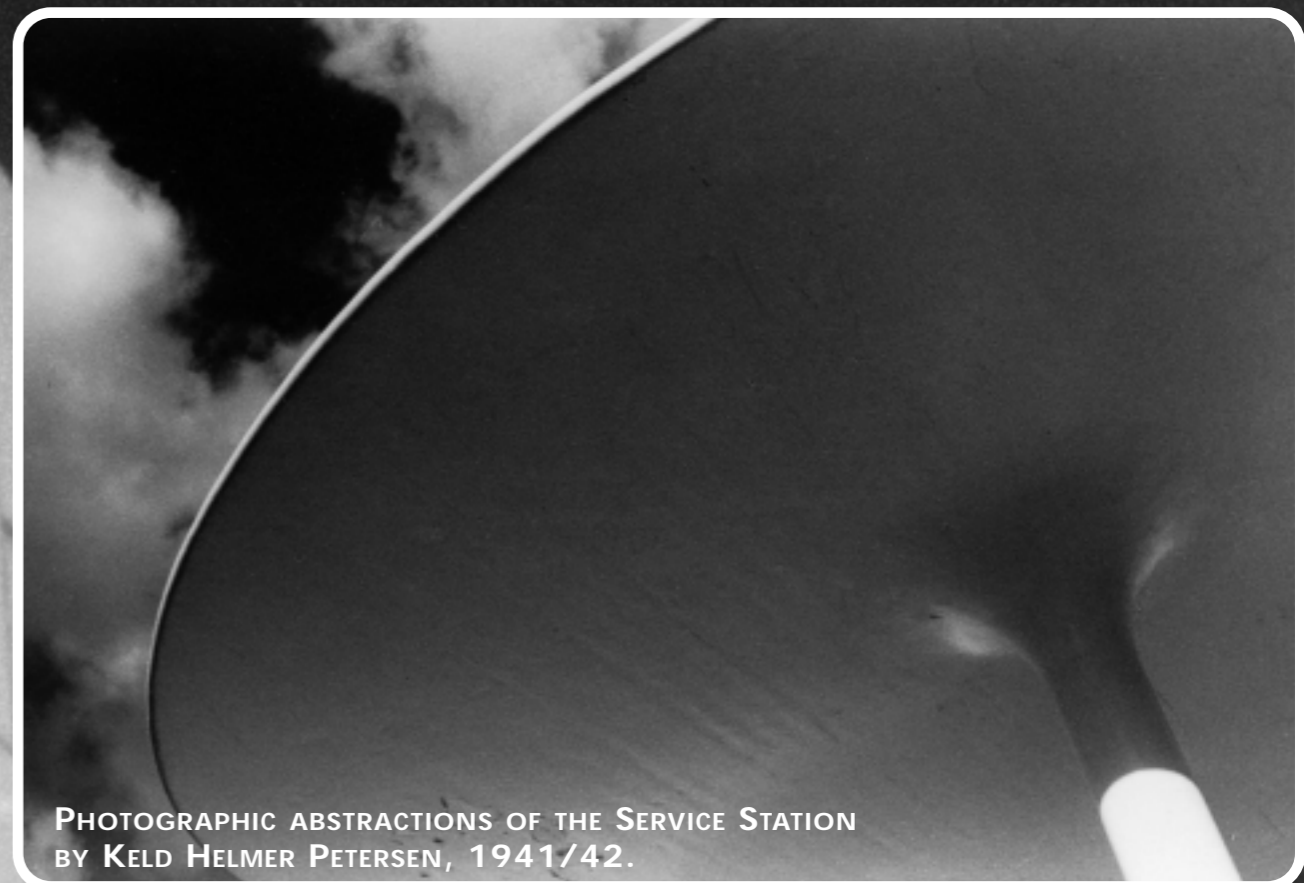


THE SERVICE STATION WAS ORIGINALLY INTENDED AS A PROTOTYPE FOR TEXACO. IT IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY TWO KILOMETRES SOUTH OF BELLEVUE ON THE "AUTOSTRADA" FOLLOWING THE COAST BETWEEN BELLEVUE AND COPENHAGEN.

THE SERVICE STATION IS A CONCRETE STRUCTURE CLAD WITH CERAMIC TILES. THE SERVICE AREA IS COVERED BY A SINGLE BOLD AND ELEGANT OVAL CONCRETE SHELL SUPPORTED BY A SINGLE COLUMN.

IN RECENT YEARS THE SERVICE STATION HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO EXTENSIVE RESTORATION, BY GENTOFTE MUNICIPALITY AND DISSING + WEITLING ARCHITECTS, TO SAVE IT FROM GREAT DETERIORATION AND DISREPAIR. THE ORIGINAL MEISSEN CERAMICS, HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY NEW TILES, THAT HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED THROUGH A METICULOUS COOPERATION BETWEEN THE HERITAGE AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES AND THE TILE MANUFACTURER. THE ORIGINAL CONCRETE CANOPY HAS ALSO BEEN REPLACED, A DECISION MADE AFTER EXTENSIVE RESEARCH INTO VARIOUS TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS. THE CHALLENGES MET, IN TERMS OF AESTHETICS, STATICS AND MATERIALS, DURING THE RESTORATION OF THIS BUILDING HAVE BROUGHT NEW INSIGHTS AND EXPERIENCE TO THE CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF MODERN MOVEMENT ARCHITECTURE. WITH LAMPS BRANCHING FROM THE STALK AND THE CANOPY ABOVE AS A REFLECTOR, THE MUSHROOM CONSTRUCTION NOT SERVES AS A SHELTER BUT ALSO AS A LIGHT INSTALLATION OVER THE SERVICE AREA.



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COLUMN SUPPORT UNDER RESTORATION IN 2001 (PHOTO: OLA WEDEBRUNN)

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