David Chipperfield presents, ‘A book about a large building…’ (216,000 m²) recently built (between 2010 and 2018) in East Asia (Seoul) for Amorepacific, a Korean beauty and cosmetics company as their headquarters.

The building encompasses a museum, library, auditorium, kindergarten, restaurants, laboratories and offices for 7000 employees which follows clear design principles (simple form and organisation, connecting with city and nature, real materials).

It is situated between different urban fabrics (a new business district, a large park and a small-scale mixed-use neighbourhood) and built from various materials from the region and all over the world (concrete, aluminium, glass, granite, textile, wood).

This book compiles 860 documents that were generated during the planning and construction process of the Amorepacific headquarters in Seoul. The artefacts are complemented by two image series by photographer Laurian Ghinitoiu.