Anttinen Oiva Architects was founded by Selina Anttinen and Vesa Oiva in 2006. The office works extensively with both building design and urban planning. Presently ten architects are employed in the office, based in Helsinki. The office was founded after winning architectural competitions. The works in progress include: University of Helsinki central campus library, which will be the largest academic library in Finland; university residential area in the former garment area in Poltinaho in Hämeenlinna; as well as a winter swimming centre in Rovaniemi. Common to the design of all these schemes is the desire for an ambitious, exciting, and versatile contemporary architecture derived from a demanding context. The objective is to create unique and sustainable "AOA is about timeless, unique, sustainable, discursive and broadminded."

The University of Helsinki City Campus Library

The University of Helsinki is developing its library structure by joining together five faculty libraries of its central campus, which are presently dispersed around different parts of the city centre, to form a single administrative unit. The largest academic library in Finland will be created in the historically important Hirvi [Elk] city block in the very heart of the city centre.

The new library building complements the urban block by adding a curved brick facade, integrated with the street line formed by the adjacent buildings. The dense fenestration grid, which forms the standard floor division, together with the large arched openings give the library a significant presence in the street. The reading galleries are located on the interior also those in the facade between the large arched openings. By varying the size of the arched openings the building is fitted as an integrative solution within a situation of three different types of street space.

Following the competition, plans for implementing the building have commenced and construction will start in 2010. The library is due to open in 2012.