Project

Housing Development Zellweger-Areal, Uster, Switzerland

The Zellweger complex, set on a former industrial site, boasts outstanding landscape features. Two residential buildings of differing heights are aligned with the row of sycamore trees by the pond in the north and the tree-lined course of the stream in the southeast. The two buildings create an L-shaped green area between them, with trees and works of art.

Most of the apartments in both buildings have living/dining/kitchen areas that extend through the building, opening onto both the green inner courtyard and the pond or stream. The subtle angling of the balconies offers outdoor areas of varying depths and provides a formal echo to the large-scale angled sections of the two buildings, adding a lively and sculptural touch to the volumes of these two housing ensembles.

The solid construction has a rear ventilated façade that consists of layered, rhythmically offset and thermally modified spruce planks and prefabricated concrete bands, which protrude somewhat beyond the wooden cladding to protect it from the weather. At the balconies the concrete band projects further forward to form the parapet.

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Credits

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Address: Weiherallee 3–9 / Zellwegerweg 2–12
         CH - 8610 Uster, Switzerland

Spatial Programme: Two structures in a parkway with 135 apartments, common room, bistro, day care, two nurseries, two underground parkings with 149 parking spaces.

Competition: 2008, 1st Prize


Client: Zellweger Park AG, Uster

Client's Representative: Odinga und Hagen AG, Uster

Architecture: Annette Gigon / Mike Guyer, Architects, Zurich

Collaborators:
Competition:
Daniel Friedmann, Reto Killer, Eric Sommerlatte, Karsten Buchholz
Planning/Construction:
Markus Seiler (Team Manager from 02/2011), Caspar Bresch (Team Manager until 02/2011), Daniela Schadegg (Project Manager), Philippe Volpe, Martin Feichtner, Lena Ehringhaus, Kristin Sasama, Karin Winklmann

Construction Manager/
Cost Planning: b+p baurealisation ag, Zurich

Gross Floor Area (SIA 416): 24’713 m²

Building Volume (SIA 416): 76’232 m³

Landscape Architecture: Hager Partner AG, Zurich

Structural Engineer: Schnetzer Puskas Ingenieure AG, Zurich

Building Services Engineer: Ernst Basler + Partner AG, Zurich

Building Physics Engineer: Mühlebach Partner AG, Wiesendangen

Art: Lutz/Guggisberg

Photography: Roman Keller