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Project details

Client	Gemeinde Bottighofen
Architecture	Affolter & Kempter Architekturbüro dipl. Architekten ETH/SIA
Project type	Healthcare and care facilities, Residential construction apartement building
Construction type	Wood element construction
Services	Timber construction
Own products	Fassaden
Construction	2016, 2017
Locality	Bottighofen
Country	Switzerland

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Future living timber element building for housing tailored to the elderly

The old-age mission statement of the municipality pointed to the fact that Bottighofen lacked the appropriate infrastructure and care options for its elderly residents. The subsequent competition was won by the architecture firm Affolter & Kempter, who submitted a project for a generation-friendly development consisting of two three-storey buildings.

The construction work began in the autumn of 2016. We were part of a consortium and responsible for the production and erection of the three-storey wood element construction.

The 'future living complex' development in Bottighofen has been inhabited since the beginning of 2018. The two three-storey buildings are arranged in a T shape and are connected to each other by a wheelchair-accessible bridge. 20 rental apartments, one care unit with 20 beds, communal rooms and a cafeteria, as well as a hairdresser's and pedicure salon, form the intergenerational residential complex.

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The complex consists of two three-storey buildings with retirement apartments that are suitable for people with disabilities and are wheelchair accessible.
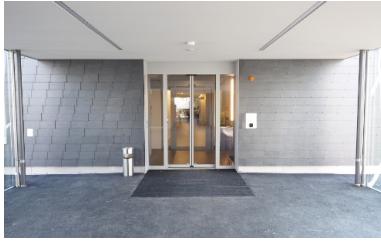

Access paths that are easy to find and attractively designed lead residents directly to the entrances on both sides.

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The entrances to the two buildings are directly across from each other and covered.

A wheelchair-accessible bridge connects the two three-storey buildings.

The two three-storey bodies of the buildings stand in dialogue with one another and blend harmoniously into the surroundings.

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