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Project details

Client	Etablissement vaudois d'accueil des migrants EVAM
Architecture	Isler Gysel Architekten GmbH
Project type	Residential construction apartment building, Healthcare and care facilities
Construction type	Wood element construction
Services	Timber construction
Construction	2020
Locality	Lausanne
Country	Switzerland

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Timber residential building for asylum seekers

In its external design with mansards, the new residential building for asylum seekers adopts the characteristic local architectural style and blends in well with the neighbourhood.

The load-bearing interior walls and the mansard roof of the simple five-storey building were constructed using the classic frame construction method. The floors are constructed of wood-concrete composite and the deep beams in the attic storey are made of cross-laminated timber. The use of simple, low-cost materials is just as much a part of the concept as the flexible division of space. Depending on requirements, the bathrooms or kitchenettes can be connected to individual rooms or groups of rooms.

The ground floor houses storage rooms, common and play rooms, the office /reception and wet rooms. A total of 26 rooms, communal kitchens and wet rooms are distributed over the three floors above and the attic storey.

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The building was designed as a timber structure with a facade and roof made of corrugated eternit.



The coherent design of the roof and facade showcases the form of the new building.

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The fascinating world of wood

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The simple lines of the corridor show the clear and adaptable floor plan of the building.

Rooms can have a kitchen and bathroom added to create small apartments for visitor groups.



High-quality living conditions are achieved in the light-filled rooms through solid detailing and durable materials such as timber.

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The entrance on the west side of the building leads directly to the playground.