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Project details

Client	J. Frischknecht Stiftung
Architecture	Blumer-Lehmann AG
Project type	Residential construction apartement building
Construction type	Wood element construction
Services	General contractor services (GC)
Construction	2020-2021
Locality	Herisau
Country	Switzerland

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Modern take on original farmhouse style

The Tüfi apartment building in Herisau adopts both the location and architectural style of the previous building. As GC, we were in charge of the design, detailed planning and implementation of the residential complex in Herisau – in close coordination with the authorities and the parameters of the townscape.

The new residential building houses four 4.5-room apartments, each with a generous living space of just under 200 m². Even at the planning stage, attention was paid to designing fully accessible apartments to enable assisted living.

The building rests on reinforced concrete foundations and consists of a concrete stairwell as the core structure combined with a timber frame structure featuring wood-concrete composite ceilings. Round shingles made of eternit form the facade of the four-storey apartment building in keeping with the parameters of the townscape.

The client chose timber as a natural building material and also opted for a sustainable solution in terms of energy generation. The building meets the Minergie standard and is supplied with energy by an air-to-water heat pump.

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Functional kitchen furnishings in a pared-back design.



The facade consists of eternit shingles, in keeping with the parameters of the townscape.

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The living room with plenty of daylight.

Original architectural style with a modern touch.



The wooden floor and exposed wood-concrete composite ceilings create a cosy indoor atmosphere.

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Large balconies create a comfortable living space.



With its characteristic architectural style, the apartment building fits well into the Herisau neighbourhood.