

Timber constructions for the federal asylum centre

Altstätten, CH



Project details

Client	Bundesamt für Bauten und Logistik BBL
Architecture	RUPRECHT ARCHITEKTEN GMBH
Project type	Office and administration
Construction type	Wood element construction
Services	JC
Locality	Altstätten
Country	Switzerland

Dormitory and administration impressively combined

Blumer Lehmann won the general contractor competition as full-service contractor for a new federal asylum centre with a processing facility in Altstätten. Ruprecht Architekten designed the complex with two timber constructions and a courtyard. The jury were particularly impressed by the systematic division to form separate buildings for the dormitory, the administrative wing and daily activities.

The facility can accommodate close to 400 asylum seekers and has over 100 workstations for employees of the State Secretariat for Migration and International Affairs. The dormitory, the administrative wing and a single-storey pavilion for meals and activities together form a homely complex with a village feel, meeting spaces and private areas.

The timber construction's high level of prefabrication results in short building times with low primary energy values. There's also plenty of timber visible on the outside of the structures: The open facade is made of Swiss spruce/fir. The timber also creates a pleasant indoor atmosphere and regional value.

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The spacious balcony of the separate dormitory provides space to socialise and have some privacy.



The visible wood in the interior creates a pleasant indoor climate.



The visible timber on the inside creates a pleasant indoor atmosphere.