

Contemporary timber detached house with glass frontages

Gossau, CH



Project details

Client	Private
Architecture	K&L Architekten AG
Project type	Residential construction single-family home
Construction type	Wood element construction
Services	Timber construction
Construction	2020
Locality	Gossau
Country	Switzerland

Timber, concrete and glass – a perfect balance in this detached home

This contemporary home combines timber construction with exposed concrete and glass frontages. Our commission included the timber construction as well as the facades and creating the terrace. The staggered walls, overhanging balcony and floor-to-ceiling windows and doors were the chief structural challenges.

The detached house in a prefabricated timber design with outer walls in exposed concrete was constructed on a ground slab of reinforced concrete. The two storeys cover 351 m² of floor area and offer plenty of latitude for stunning interior designs. The detached house has a partial basement level and was connected to the existing garage via a walkway. A new bike storage area was also added to the back of the house.

The floor-to-ceiling glass frontages on the south and west sides of both storeys allow plenty of natural light into the living spaces and provide uninterrupted views of the town of Gossau and the Alpstein mountains. The overhanging terrace on the south and west facades of the upper storey has a projecting roof made from thermo ash to ensure plenty of shade, spacious covered outdoor areas and a feeling of extended space in the bedrooms.

Simple, varnished spruce formwork acts as the facade for the building. Natural timber ceilings, white walls and beige-coloured, polished anhydrite flooring give the interior spaces their distinctive character.

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Bright interior spaces with plenty of natural light thanks to the large windows on two sides.



Balanced interplay of dark and light wood as well as grey and white walls



Coherent and consistent: the house and its surroundings

The striking facade with its clean lines is created with varnished spruce formwork.

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The ceiling made from light-coloured timber creates a warm contrast with the predominating white and grey.



The terrace on the south and west facades with its projecting roof made from thermo ash creates covered outdoor areas.



The different materials create a fascinating interplay of patterns and colours.