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Burckhardt+Partner transform former industrial site

Services center with shopping facilities at Ostermundigen station

Burckhardt+Partner teamed up with HRS Real Estate AG to develop the former Debrunner Acifer site into an attractive services center with shopping options. The main tenant of the new building just across from Ostermundigen station is Touring Club Switzerland. The building represents a fusion of the various building styles present in the town.

Burckhardt+Partner already produced the very first studies for the industrial site in 2000. Various uses were examined – from a seminar hotel, to a medical services center, to a retirement center. The recently completed services building was developed and realized in conjunction with the real estate service provider HRS Real Estate AG.

At over 100 meters long and nearly 30 meters high, the new building offers space for around 600 staff of Touring Club Switzerland in a location with superb transport connections. This new site brings together all TCS branches in German-speaking Switzerland under one roof. The central element of the architectural design is the appropriately styled integration of the building volume into the urban environment, which has both a village and urban character. Recesses in the building reflect contour lines that correspond to the old building structures of Bernstrasse as well as future developments in the municipality. The two-story loggias along Poststrasse visually break up the length of the building. On the side of the railway embankment, the building remains urban and large-scale.

The materials of the façade closely echo the surroundings. The vertical metal lésenes are in brown, bronze-like tones and evoke the railway tracks and the former industrial use of the site. The subtle green tone of the façade parapet's enameled glass creates a connection to the railway embankment and the local mountain, Ostermundigenberg. The columns of the base story are clad with colored concrete elements, a reference to the local sandstone.

The roof terraces and loggias have been planted with large shrubs and trees to prevent the terraces from overheating and to offer the users shady, attractive outdoor spaces. The building was planned to the Minergie 2020 standard. A full-roof photovoltaic system installed on the main roof supplies the building with electricity.

The new build was completed in only 15 months. To make this possible, the façade, including the window panes, was entirely prefabricated in its various component parts.

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