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Burckhardt+Partner: Bellikon Rehabilitation Clinic's new building to be opened

The renovation of the Bellikon Rehabilitation Clinic and construction of a new building under the management of Burckhardt+Partner has been completed following a building period of five years. The concept of the well-known architecture firm creates a harmonious visual link between the municipality, clinic and landscape. On June 16, 2018 the opening ceremonies and an open house will take place.

Since winning the tender in 2009, architecture firm Burckhardt+Partner was entrusted with planning and accompanying the project to completion. "Clinic operations had to continue as usual during the entire construction period. That was a challenge that called for skilled planning of all those involved," said Andreas Mast, a partner of Burckhardt+Partner. The renovation of the rehabilitation clinic dating back to 1974 and addition of a new building were necessary to meet the future requirements of patients needing successful medical rehabilitation. An open house will be held on June 16, 2018, where guests can gain a firsthand impression of the premises.

Harmonious link between the municipality, clinic and landscape

Three demands of the building owner were the focus for the extension of the Bellikon Rehabilitation Clinic: to create additional space, to design a contemporary architectural solution and to realize a building complex that is future-oriented with regard to technology and sustainability. These demands as well as Burckhardt+Partner's vision "to create a visual link between the municipality, clinic and landscape, add new elements and guarantee the clear arrangement of the entire complex" were able to be implemented to their full extent.

Burckhardt+Partner is known for complex projects such as the Bellikon Rehabilitation Clinic. "With our portfolio of services, our focus is equally on the well-being of the people involved, the functionality of the premises and the visual realization. In our designs we are dedicated to ensuring that patients enjoy a high-quality stay," stated Mast. The newly designed foyer, for example, is the hub of the entire complex thanks to its central location. It connects the existing building with the new one and the ground floor area with all the new levels. As a spacious glass-clad structure, the foyer spans throughout the new building, which is integrated in the topography.

Respecting the aesthetic of the 1970s architecture

The striking architecture of the buildings from the 1970s was considered during development of the concept. The extensions comply with the Minergie-P standard and blend harmoniously into the overall complex with its existing facade of glass and concrete. Additional space is created by an annex with a spacious terrace to give patients a view and broad perspective.

The new building with five levels includes therapy spaces, a swimming pool, a gym, a parking area and technical rooms. Spacious atriums provide a pleasant atmosphere. A lot of consideration was given to both the architectural concept and patients' well-being. A person's environment has a significant impact on recovery. The terrace along with the large glass-clad cafeteria – offering an unobstructed view of the surrounding landscape – contribute greatly to this end. In the new two-story central building, the main entrance and thus a new entrance to the clinic was created facing the village. The floor above is home to a highly specialized

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monitoring station that directly links to the two wings of beds.

Thanks to the structural renovation and extension, the Bellikon Rehabilitation Clinic continues to be excellently equipped for the medical rehabilitation and occupational reintegration of accident victims – and thus prepared for future service and capacity demands.

The open house will take place on June 16 from 10 am to 5 pm. For further information, please visit this website: <https://www.rehabellikon.ch/weitblick/>

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