

Kindergarten Kranebitten, Innsbruck | Austria



Project Kindergarten Kranebitten

Place Innsbruck, Austria

Year of construction 2015

Client Innsbrucker Immobilien GmbH & Co KG

Architecture reitter_architekten ZT gesmbh

Execution of the timber construction Schafferer Holzbau GmbH

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The construction of a two-group urban kindergarten was planned due to the expected population rise, so-called urbanisation, in Kranebitten - a district of Innsbruck - and planned residential projects. An architecture competition was held in conjunction with the City Planning Office and the project submitted by the reitter_architekten architects' office was announced as the winner.

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During construction, attention was paid to ensuring that there was no excessive ingress into nature. The design involved no major earth movements. The one-level enclosed garden for the children is located on the level area in the eastern half of the football pitch. The flat L-shaped building together with two terrace wings encloses a rectangular courtyard that offers the children the space they need. Experience has shown that everyday care of children requires a physical separation from the public space.



The main entrance, which lies on the redesigned Anna-Dengel-Straße, is located at the meeting point of the two wings. General areas, like the dining room, kitchen, staff room and quiet room are located in the southern wing, while the exercise room as well as the group and partitioned rooms are located in the northern wing. The two group and partitioned rooms each have their own wash rooms between them, enhanced by a water play and messy play area.

The passive design requires maximum precision, particularly in terms of the joint details. As many elements as possible therefore needed to be prefabricated. This requirement was easily met with load-bearing elements made of binderholz CLT BBS. The visual quality BBS elements enable a high degree of prefabrication.

A key feature of this kindergarten is that the timber surfaces, both indoors and outdoors, have been left visible. Coupled with the outstanding properties of timber as a store of heat and humidity, the warm timber surfaces guarantee a balanced living environment and a high level of comfort. The children are very careful with the velvety feel of the natural BBS surfaces.