



The Metropolitan Garden

Berlin Zehlendorf

Client: Erste USHQ Verwaltungsgesellschaft mbH
Objektgesellschaft Clayallee mbH
Project stages: 1 – 4
Time frame: 2012 – 2023
GFA: 6,200 sqm
Site: Saargemünder Straße 37 - 37E
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The withdrawal of the Allies after reunification greatly changed the American barracks area in Zehlendorf. Most of the listed buildings were converted into apartments, but the site of the demolished transmission mast at the rear remained vacant for a long time. Starting in 2012, we developed a new ensemble of six apartment buildings on the slightly elevated oval plateau on behalf of the owners, which was completed in 2023. The buildings surround an intensively green garden courtyard, under which is a shared underground car park that connects to all the buildings. Due to the new structure's orthogonal position to the

existing buildings, the new buildings are perceived as part of the former barracks area, but at the same time have an autonomous character and architectural identity. The contour painting on the façades reinforces the basic architectural forms of the buildings and creates a connection to the colour accents around the windows of the listed existing buildings.

The three- to four-storey houses are all accessed via the semi-public garden courtyard, creating a clear front and back. A south-facing open staircase connects the garden space with the main axis of the neighbouring building configuration.