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HOS 1 House of Schools  
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### **JKU Campus extension west**

#### **Embedding on campus**

The House of Schools sets a striking accent in the development of the JKU campus in Linz. As the first part of the future ensemble, the building clearly structures the campus in the south and creates an inviting courtyard in the north. It continues the existing development axis and creates orientation and a clear structure. The compact arrangement of the buildings provides space for future extensions to the west.

#### **Open structure and spatial concept**

The House of Schools 1 is a five-storey building that houses offices as well as meeting and seminar rooms. The supporting structure is based on a reinforced concrete skeleton, which allows flexible use of space thanks to a column grid of 10x10m. This structure creates space for rooms of various sizes - from individual offices to seminar rooms for up to 50 people. A central atrium connects all floors and serves as the communicative heart of the building. It invites people to meet and offers space for formal and informal encounters. Kitchenettes and meeting islands on each floor encourage interaction and make the building a lively place to work and learn. The ground floor is a lively and permeable space that opens up a wide range of possible uses due to its spaciousness. It acts as a connecting hub between different functional areas and connects all floors through the five-storey atrium.

#### **Materiality and façade design**

The selection of materials considers longevity, simplicity and demonstration and visibility of raw surfaces. The supporting structure, floor and ceiling are not hidden behind cladding elements; glass and metallic surfaces complement this raw character. The color and texture of the walls stand out clearly from the shell, making the individual building elements legible. The façade consists of two layers: a post and beam façade as a warm shell and a steel structure in front, embedding various sun protection elements and façade greenery. The two-layered nature of the shell and the light color scheme create a fascinating interplay of light, shadow and depth.

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## DATA

Completion	2024
Country	AUT
Location	Linz
Size	6.860 m² HOS1 15.100 m² Parkhaus
Client	Bundesimmobiliengesellschaft mbh - Unternehmensbereich Universitäten
Project architect	Stefanie Meyer
Team	Claudia Cikanek Gil Cloos Veronika Felber Julia Hosner Stefanie Klocke Yannic Kohnen Bernadette Koller Klaus Ladstätter Sonja Mitsch Johanna Sieberer Michael Voit
Project lead (competition)	Gil Cloos Julia Hosner
Team (competition)	Vadim Ghiorghiu Ivan Jakaric Harris Lazarides
Integrating overall coordination	I-bau-engineering
Haustechnik, et	Obkircher Plus
Statics	Werkraum Ingenieure
Building physics	ingenieurbüro P. Jung
fire protection	Firex Greßlehner
Landscape and vegetation design	Kieran Fraser Landscape Design
Vizualisation (competition)	Patricia Bagienski
Cost calculation	GZ engineering
Photos	Hertha Hurnaus
Model construction (competition)	Gerhard Stocker Modellwerkstatt

## **querkraft architects**

The Vienna-based architecture office querkraft was founded in 1998. Around 100 projects, competition entries and buildings in Austria and abroad provide ample evidence of the successful work by this team that currently comprises around 45 staff members. The mission statement formulated by querkraft is "giving people space", which expresses a constant striving for generosity in the field of spatial design and for the kind of freedom that facilitates users' personal development. In the area of housing, in particular, querkraft has realised many projects that embody this philosophy of poetic pragmatism. Office and museum buildings or projects in public space are also a fixed part of the work of querkraft as is shown by, for instance, the Liaunig Museum in Carinthia, which has already been placed under monument protection. querkraft have received numerous sustainability awards for the first car-free IKEA in Vienna and the Austrian pavilion for the world Expo in Dubai. Respect, friendliness and joy in the work are the credo of Jakob Dunkl, Gerd Erhardt, Peter Sapp and their team.

## **Awards (extract)**

Vienna housing award– best new municipality housing – HAK municipal residential building „Karlheinz-Horahof“, Vienna

Short List "EU prize for contemporary architecture - Mies van der Rohe Awards" – IKEA Wien Westbahnhof  
global architecture & design award – Taborama, residential high rise

Stateprize Architektur – IKEA Wien Westbahnhof

BHP23 nomination – HAK municipal building

European Property Award – ML museum Liaunig, IKEA Wien Westbahnhof

Fiabci Prix D'Excellence Gold-Winner – IKEA Wien Westbahnhof

gebaut 2022 – HAK municipal building

Austria Green Planet Building Award – EXPO Pavilion

Rethinking the Future Award – IKEA Vienna western-station

German Design Award 'architecture' / 'eco design' / 'conceptual architecture' –

BAT residential high rise / EXPO Pavilion / IKEA Vienna western-station

AIT award education for school campus Friedrich Fexer

Stateprize for Architecture & Sustainability 2013 for the apartment building U31

nomination - International Highrise Prize for Citygate Tower

## **Current Projects**

RLBK Raiffeisen State Bank Kärnten – wooden construction, Klagenfurt, AUT; NBH8 Taborama Residential Highrise, Vienna, AT; ING - The Museum of Concrete Art Ingolstadt, GER; HAK municipal residential building Vienna; HOS - University campus and House of Schools Johannes Kepler University Linz, AUT; HAS – residential, Munich, GER; IKEA "the good neighbour" in Vienna, AUT; IWC – International Welcome-Center, Linz, AUT; Austrian EXPO Pavillon 2020/2021 Dubai, UAE;etc.

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