

PRESS RELEASE



J5A

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J5A | High rise building J5A in Seestadt Aspern | living on the lake

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Living at the lake

The residential building lakeside is named after its location by the lake in the seestadt aspern. This special site influenced greatly querkraft's design, which through a compact volumetry and the big cantilevering of the balconies allows a view of the lake from every unit.

The balconies are made of a single precast concrete element with a length of up to 3.30 meters, providing a generous open space and becoming the main design characteristic of the building's appearance.

The rainscreen façade is made of corrugated metal sheets emphasizing the vertical linearity of this high rise and allowing for the integration of the rainwater downpipes in between the grooves.

The different volumes of the building are also characterized with different tonalities of grey and white. the space between them forms the single communication area, painted with an intense yellow and recognizable from the outside. Every end of the corridors in this area there are fully glazed, providing light to the interior of the building.

The lower levels in front of the lake promenade form a plinth, in which the split-level communal spaces and playroom are located. The residential units in this area have the access from the street level on a duplex configuration. A ceiling height of 4 meters in the plinth allows a mix use of residential, commercial and offices, remaining flexible for future changes.

Most of the residential units in the tower have double height living rooms up to 5.40m. This makes for an especially generous space with greater openness, bringing the outside into the living area.

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DATA

Location	Vienna
Size (GFA/NFA)	9000 m ² (bgr 12.400m ²)
Completed	2019
Client	Günter Kerbler/Caroline Palfy Cetus Baudevelopment gmbH
Building physics	Schöberl & Pöll
Structural engineer	KS Ingenieure
Electrical engineer	TP Eipeldauer
HVAC	RHM
Fire protection	Röhler

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 Erhartt, Peter Sapp and their team.

Awards (extract)

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; HOS - University campus and House of Schools Johannes Kepler University Linz, AUT; HAS – residential, Munich, GER; IKEA “the good neighbour” in Vienna, AUT; HAK municipal residential building Vienna, AUT; IWC – International Welcome-Center, Linz, AUT; Austrian EXPO Pavillon 2020/2021 Dubai, UAE;etc.

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