

Programme

Expansion of the psychiatric clinic with a new building with 9 wards built in two stages.

Concept

The Schlosstal Psychiatric Clinic is located in the landscape park on the River Töss. The industrial monument of the former Beugger spinning mill forms the prelude to the current clinic complex. The new building is planned along the main axis of the extension and completes the ensemble. The nine wards are organised in three buildings that differ in proportions and orientation. The staggering of the volume supports the integration into the landscape. A central core, hidden in the volumetric overlap, serves all the stations. Short and safe routes guarantee an efficient organisation of daily processes. In the first stage, the two buildings facing east and west will be built. For the future expansion, the proposed composition allows for various possibilities for further buildings.

The new building interprets the appearance of the historic spinning mill, with its perforated facade. Its facade is divided into a plinth, a two-storey body and the roof fascia. The latter respects the ridge line of the historic facade.

The new building is easily reached by walking through the historic gardens. The reception, an open and transparent volume, is located in the connecting section. The staircase is the centrepiece of the new building, connecting the wards and generating a pinwheel circulation that is transferred to the ward floor plans. The visual relationships created by this to the outside space enable good internal orientation.

