

Cantonal and vocational school, Uetikon

Location: Seestrasse, 8707 Uetikon am See
Type of contract: Competition, 4th rank 2022
Client: Canton of Zurich, Building Department
Landscape architecture: Antón Landschaft GmbH, Zurich

Programme

Design for a new cantonal school and vocational college for up to 2000 students on the CU site, a former chemical factory in Uetikon am See, Zurich.

Concept

In the transformation of the CU site, the witnesses of the industrial past are retained and integrated into the school campus. Two new buildings complement the existing set of spaces. Gathered in the northern half of the site, they leave room for open spaces along the lakeshore. A lane leads down from the road to the campus and to the water.

The old kiln building becomes a landmark, whose gable facades shape the generous square to the west – the central forum – which serves as a recreation and event space for the whole community. In the place of the old laboratory building in the east the new park is made full of trees, opening views towards the harbour and the lake.

In both of the long, old kiln buildings the classrooms of cantonal school are set one after the other, Complemented by an open learning landscape. even the old kiln building undergoes a transformation. The new orangerie in the west wing serves as a cafeteria during the day, And at night it glows like a lantern. the old machine building is extended with a seven-storey sports and teaching building. Around the sports hall, the teaching floors rise upwards, But the experimental hall sets an accent with its tall windows. The upper floors of the second long new building house the vocational college, its ground floor the public functions. To its gable end the hall has a glazed foyer and together with the forum forms a living centre at the heart of the site.

