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ARCHITECTURE MEETS COLOR



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BOLD USE OF COLOR – PROJECTS

This feature celebrates architecture that embraces color as an expressive design tool – indoors and outdoors, from natural material tones through to painted surfaces and finishes. Highlights include a burger restaurant with an uncompromising color strategy, social housing wrapped in colorful brickwork, a rose-hued home in Metzingen, an overnight shelter in Munich featuring brick-red timber frame elements, and a residential project on the shores of Lake Zurich that uses bold colors to create striking accents.

BUILDING WITHIN EXISTING CONTEXTS – RENOVATING SCHOOLS

Traditional front-of-class teaching is a thing of the past: New pedagogical approaches and the expansion of full-day schooling are triggering a wave of school refurbishments – while many schools are facing severe maintenance backlogs. In our „Building within existing contexts“ section, we showcase renovations, conversions and extensions of learning environments. We also explore how architects collaborate with restoration specialists.

Building in existing structures in every issue



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Further topics



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LIGHT AND ARCHITECTURE

Lighting design is crucial for how architecture is perceived, yet it is often underestimated or overlooked. At the same time, integration, control and networking are becoming increasingly complex due to technical innovations. In the run-up to Light + Building, we explore the latest innovations in the lighting industry. The focus is on smart lighting solutions and energy efficiency, alongside design trends, materials and sustainable approaches for indoor and outdoor lighting.

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PRODUCTS: COLORS AND SURFACES

Which colors and surfaces are trending – and which are set to influence architecture and interiors in the long term? We showcase the latest product developments from coatings and plasters to innovative material and color concepts for walls and surfaces. Our spotlight is on the criteria that architects prioritise: color durability, sustainability, handling and visual impact.



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PRODUCTS: BATHROOMS AND SANITARY SOLUTIONS

Bathrooms serve as personal retreats and feel-good spaces. Beyond design, functionality and tactile appeal, users are placing greater value on materials that are resource-efficient and recyclable. We showcase innovative sanitary products and barrier-free solutions that stand out in terms of both design quality and sustainability.