



Project Information

Builder-Owner

Diözese Feldkirch, Feldkirch

Location

Götzis

Completion

1993

Project facts

n.b.ar. 2.800,00 m², GFA 3.500,00 m²,
GBV 14.500,00 m³

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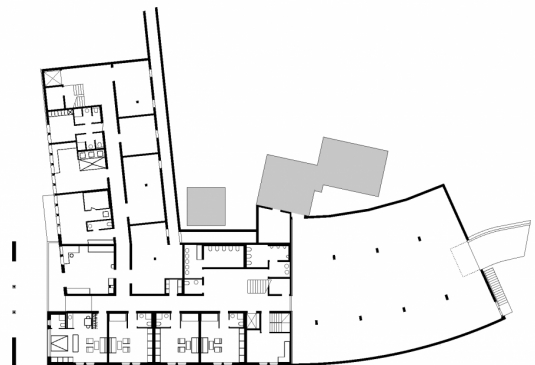
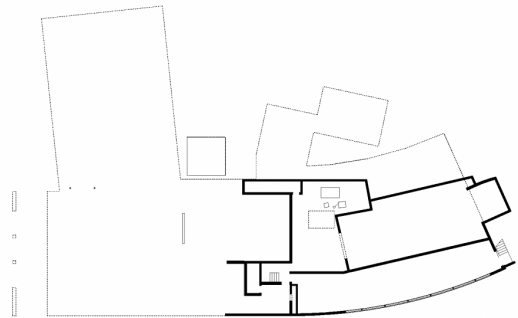
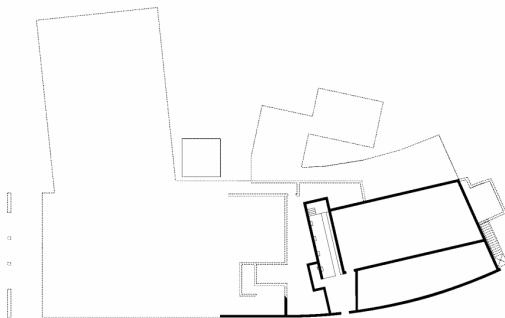
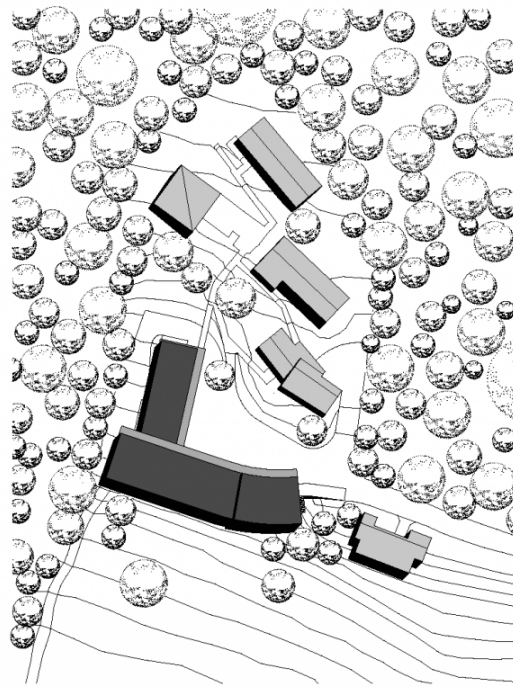
The church was demolished, its old farm building have been replaced with this considerable new building, which towers high above the sloping side of the valley. A tall arcade on slender steel columns forms the transition into the closed architecture of the main building. Once inside the high-ceilinged building, the guest is greeted with the magical view and the open stairwell and with the cafeteria facing onto the valley below.

The facades have their own resonance. We tuned their design into a stimulating duality of closed white surfaces, sometimes broken by perfectly cut openings, and generous glass panels. In the seminar building you have the pleasing neutrality one would hope for in such a venue. In the centre, the stairwell, which extends over two storeys in the cafeteria, also accommodates seating areas, cloakrooms and reception desks. The headlining feature is, of course, is the landscape which, through the side windows of the large dining hall is like a seasonally changing picture. The hall ceiling height is determined by the flat roof.

Throughout the development the design incorporates and maximise functionality. In the dining room the ceiling of white plasterboard panels conceal the ventilation and the laminated timber posts of the high windows, curve according to the angle of the valleys slope. In the basement are the staff apartments, which are slim, functional and accommodating with natural interior finish.

The seminar rooms and offices on the upper floor also possess this unobtrusive pleasant interior design. In the event hall the timber beamed ceiling gives the guests a moment to think about the simple quality of contemporary architecture. This same effective and impactful simplicity is applied to the ecological functionality of the building. There is every consideration to make Bildungshaus St Arbogast ecological, enhancing the enjoyment of the space while supporting its architectural language. 40-centimeter thick brick walls, triple glazing (for the fixed panes), an automatic wood chip burner, a lighting concept for energy saving and atmosphere quality, rainwater harvesting, heat exchangers and solar panels all combining to prove that adequate architecture is always ecological.





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