

Modern living in Western Switzerland

PORR hands over a construction site of the Parc du Simplon in the heart of Renens

Zurich, 27.05.2021 - After a construction period of around 20 months, PORR SUISSE AG handed over the Parc du Simplon to the client SBB Immobilien on 30 April. PORR was commissioned by the Swiss Federal Railways (SBB) to build four apartment buildings with a total of 70 residential units as well as two underground garages in the former industrial area of Renens. The project is part of the development axis of the region West in Lausanne. With this project, PORR entered the market in western Switzerland in 2019. The order volume amounts to around CHF 25m (approx. EUR 23m).

"In line with our group strategy - intelligent growth for sustainable success - we have succeeded in entering the market in Western Switzerland. We are now represented throughout Switzerland and have thus reached an important milestone," emphasises Hubert Seifert, CEO of PORR SUISSE AG.

In the four- and five-storey residential buildings with a floor area of 7,330 m², a total of 70 residential units have been created with different living forms and standards. From lofts for flexible use to family flats and attractive attic flats with generous loggias, the Parc du Simplon allows for a variety of living forms. The project's two underground garages extend over almost the entire site and are accessed via each of the four buildings. The garages have a total of 110 parking spaces for cars and 25 motorbikes.

Heat is generated by connecting to the local district heating system. In addition to reduced CO₂ emissions and reduced maintenance costs, the future users benefit from year-round comfort and particularly easy operation.

Attractive avant-garde district with industrial character

The apartment buildings are located only a few minutes' walk from the centre of Renens and captivate with their glazed ceramic facades in green, yellow, blue and red. In order to give the former industrial site a contemporary use and at the same time preserve the industrial character architecturally, a conscious decision was made to use horizontal formats for the window subdivisions as well as robust and simple materials. The DGNB certificate according to SGNI at Gold level underscores the high standards of execution from a single source.

Facts and figures at a glance

Scope of services:	Planning and construction of four apartment buildings and two underground garages in former industrial area
Client:	SBB AG
Contractor:	PORR SUISSE AG
Project duration:	20 months
Contract volume:	around CHF 25m (approx. EUR 23m)

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Caption: The buildings differ in orientation and colour. (Copyright: PORR)



Caption: The robustness and simplicity of the ceramic facades and the horizontal formats of the window subdivisions recall the history of the site with its former industrial use. (Copyright: PORR)

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