



E17 JURY STATEMENT

RUNNER UP

THE PARK THAT REACHES EVERY HOME

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1st stage assessment - local commission: The project convinces the jury through the clear attitude and the very well structured concept, but it is also rather classic and generic in its urban layout. It has a stringent development to the west, separated by a large continuous park that is integrated into the green overarcgng corridor. This creates two clearly separated and independent areas, although it is debatable whether they are too far apart.

The orientation is also positive, not only in a north-south direction (large corridor) but also in an east-west direction with continuous green axes, differentiated spaces in between and the formation of neighbourhood squares. These squares are well placed within the area and provide orientation. The drawings (sections) clearly show that the distances between the buildings and the building's depth are perceived according to the human scale.

The urban pattern repeats the open spaces between the buildings, which have a different quality to the park and together form a coherent landscape. The park has retention areas and a variety of green structures. There is discussion about moving the park further west to provide better access to the outer shells of the development. The differentiation and diversity of the green spaces is viewed positively. The project also shows an attitude towards the Hirschstettner Hauptallee by integrating it into the neighbourhood and, depending on the concept, connecting it with the neighbourhood squares and thus emphasising it more, or calming it down as a normal connection. It embeds Hirschstettner Hauptallee in a multifaceted scenario.

Final assessment - international jury: The project demonstrates an appealing approach that skilfully combines public green space and the built environment. The green areas act as initial points and are considered important reference points for graduation of necessities in people daily life. The concept is illustrated at different spatial levels, from smaller neighbourhood parks to vivid public squares along Hirschstettner Hauptallee.

The idea of three different neighbourhood scales was positively emphasised by the jury. The neighbourhood units, which are located within a 5-minute walk of small parks, as well as the larger superblock units within a 10-minute walk along Hirschstettner Hauptallee and the New Quarter Unit within a 15-minute walk of a park or focal point, contribute to identity and significance. The public squares along



Hirschstettner Strasse, which are marked in orange, are designed differently depending on their position in relation to the street. Depending on the context, Hirschstettner Hauptallee will either be connected to neighbourhood squares and emphasised more strongly or run as an ordinary connection. This approach represents a well-thought-out concept for promoting social dynamics. Despite all these advantages the jury pointed out the generic system that is applied on the entire area. Breaking the strict grid with informal openings that allow for exceptions as “public surprises”, would mutually nurture the open space and the built environment.

Concerning the open green space, there is skilful integration of the adjacent open areas into the overarching landscape concept, consolidating them into a cohesive figure – the green corridor. The integration of sustainable elements is demonstrated by the green concept with the Venturi effect for natural ventilation and photovoltaic elements. The design integration of proper tree rooting zones and retention basins reflects a mindset that the jury rates favourably. The skilful placement of the buildings in a zig-zag pattern allows wind conditions to be controlled and contributes to a harmonious urban design.

Although some jury members described the project as classic, many positive elements were emphasised. The jury also recommends further development of the park image in order to create a “Leitbild” that is progressive and pioneering despite possible conservative aspects.