

Neubau von Wohnungen „Alfred-Delp-Weg“, Göttingen

STATEMENT OF THE JURY - Zukunft Wohnen Award 2009

"The project on the Alfred-Delp-Weg Göttingen is considered one of the few shining examples in recent years of a high-quality, low-cost affordable housing project. The positive engagement of the client Städtische Wohnungsbau GmbH Göttingen is also considered noteworthy. The program involves the construction of 105 apartments and 400 square meters for business and catering needs. The body of the building, developed over four floors, does presents a stable, not innovative typology in that the apartments are distributed in pairs by a staircase, all oriented East-West. On the garden side, the facade has a very regular grid, which has balconies of different depths depending on their intended uses. In this way, every apartment has a sufficient yet unique open space. The particular value of the project lies in its urban character. Rarely in residential construction, has there been such a special configuration; a slight bend of the road creates the first impact in the perception of space, immediately evoking the idea of a residential neighborhood within a strong urbanity. The building's ground floor allows for the viewing of individual residential units, breaking the typical linear effect of construction. The unity of the entire sculptural complex is strengthened, creating a "place," or "neighborhood." The building glows with urban living, not only for the shape but also for the bold color concept. This aspect, together with its material aesthetics is considered particularly commendable. Overall, it reaches an atmosphere of high intensity of the "present," without being bound to the fashion of the moment, creating a permanent value for the future."