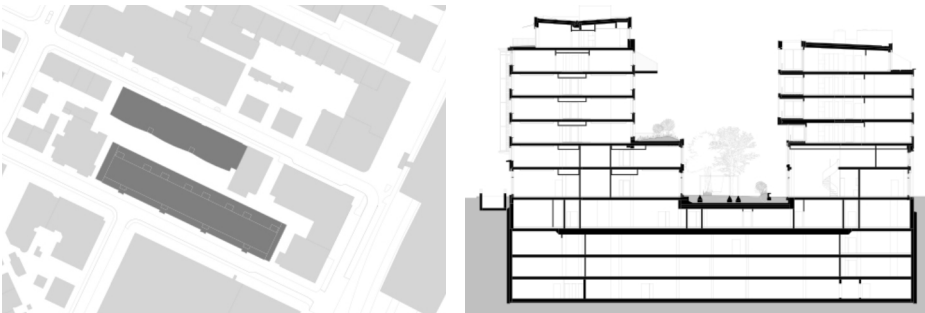




Photos: Spacious terraces, Living area with spiral staircase, Mailboxes Gertrudstrasse, Blue staircase Paulstrasse, Red staircase Gertrudstrasse, Photo Studio Willen

Plans: Floor plan – 3rd floor Gertrudstrasse, Cross-section Paulstrasse 9, Site plan



Completed in 1991 near to Winterthur railway station, the development was originally designed exclusively for office use. As part of an architectural study, various redevelopment scenarios with a significant residential component were explored. The removal of the connecting bridges separates the two building volumes, transforming the inner courtyard into an attractive communal outdoor space. The adaptive reuse respects the existing building structure while enabling new forms of living and working.

The building on Gertrudstrasse accommodates a mixed-use programme. Office and commercial spaces occupy the ground floor and first floor. The three storeys above provide flexible office space. The top two floors contain urban apartments extending across the full depth of the building. This layout offers both a quiet side overlooking the newly redesigned courtyard and a more vibrant side facing the street.

The building on Paulstrasse has been converted into a residential building with a variety of apartment typologies. The courtyard-facing duplex townhouses, as well as the studio and commercial spaces along the street, benefit from direct access to the outdoor areas. From the second floor upwards, the building contains apartments of various sizes, while the apartments on the top floor enjoy spacious terraces.



Project Type: Study
Client: AXA Investment Managers Switzerland, Zurich
Location: Paulstrasse 9a–9c / Gertrudstrasse 6–12, Winterthur
SIA 102 Services: 31 / 32 / 33 / 41
Gross Floor Area: 40,400 m²
Programme: 65 apartments, offices, commercial spaces
Planning: 2018–2020
Construction: 2021–early 2023
Sustainability: Minergie-ECO

Architecture: Stücheli Architekten, Zurich
Construction Management: Ghisleni Partner, Rapperswil
Structural Engineering: Basler & Hofmann, Zurich
Building Services Engineering (MEP): Polke, Ziege, von Moos, Zurich
Façade Engineering: Atelier P3, Zurich
Landscape Architecture: Balliana Schubert Landscape Arch., Zurich