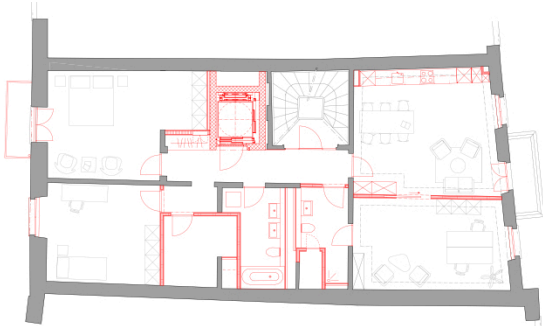
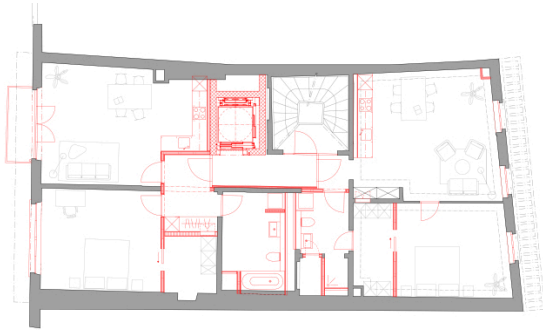
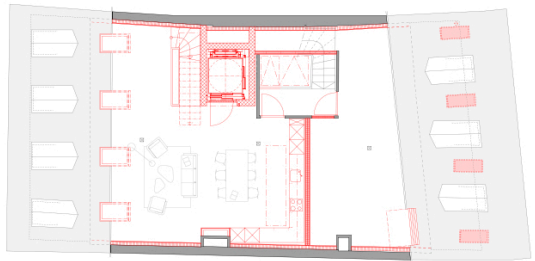
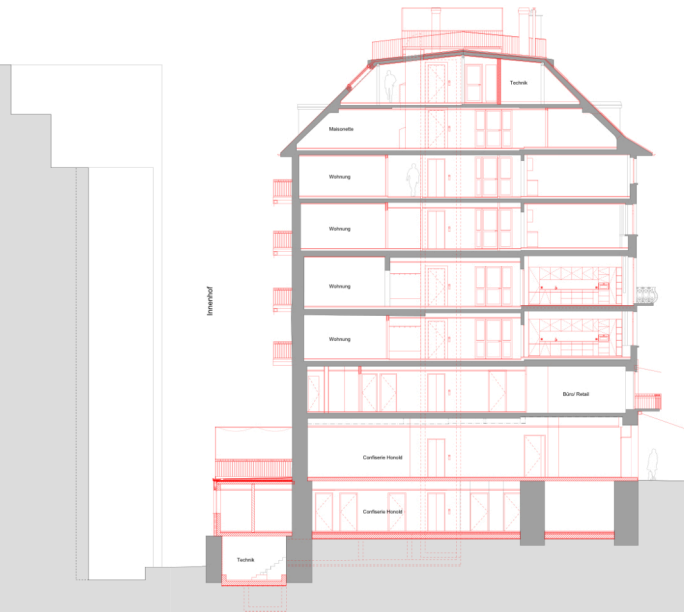


Conversion

Rennweg 53, Zurich



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Visualizations: Façade of Rennweg 53, Stairwell
Drawings: Site plan, Floor plans of the 7th, 5th, and 3rd upper floors, Longitudinal section



The towering residential and commercial building from 1876 is part of the prominent row development on the lower Rennweg. Its history dates back to the 14th century, as evidenced by individual structural elements that still remain today. Since 1905, it has been owned by the Honold family, who established their traditional confectionery business there. Due to the operation of this business, the building underwent numerous modifications over the decades, resulting in significant changes. In the 1950s, the Neo-Renaissance façade was stripped down, losing many of its decorative details in the process.

In the meantime, the space requirements of the confectionery have decreased, partly due to the outsourcing of production. As part of a comprehensive renovation, six new rental apartments with 2 and 4 rooms are being created, spread across four floors. A maisonette apartment spans the two attic levels, with its residents having access to the new rooftop terrace. The ground floor will continue to house the confectionery and its café, which faces the boulevard.

Externally, the redesign incorporates selected elements from 1876. The two commercial floors, for example, feature a natural stone cladding and once again form a two-story base section. The wooden windows are framed by the historic sandstone surrounds and flanked by new wooden shutters. On the ground floor, the façade regains its original symmetry: just as it did 120 years ago, the central entrance now once again leads into the confectionery.

Type of Commission: Direct commission
Client: Private ownership, Confiserie Honold AG
Location: Rennweg 53, 8001 Zurich
Floor Area: 1,315 m²
Program: 7 apartments, confectionery and café
Planning: 2017 – 2025
Construction: Summer 2025 – Spring 2027
Heritage Protection: Culturally and historically protected building of municipal significance
Architecture: Stücheli Architekten AG, Zurich
Construction Management: Duboc + Friedrich GmbH, Zurich