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BAT highrise ensemble in Paris  
Batignolles  
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### **Highriseensemble with kindergarden in Paris** **a high rise, a residential home for working people and a kindergarden**

Located in the Clichy-Batignolles urban development area, beside a spacious park, the residential high-rise, workers' hostel, and childcare facility form an ensemble planned using ecologically efficient criteria. Placed diagonally opposite each other, the two apartment towers are set on the property so that a view of the park and the landscape are guaranteed. The connecting wood-concrete composite pedestal houses a kindergarden and a daycare. Its wings enclose two courtyards that lie lower than the street level.

The different uses of the building components are expressed by a formally differentiated façade that is still connected by materiality and texture. The two towers are united by a shell of dark brickwork, accented by elements of silvery aluminum: the windows of the 50 workers' flats are protected by sliding sunshades made of aluminum slats that make a lively accent.

The 50-meter high tower houses 77 social housing units with up to five rooms. The aluminum slats of the balcony balustrades are set at different densities and with wavy or jagged top and bottom edges, creating a trompe-l'oeil effect that looks like three-dimensional bulges. French windows allow occupants to exit to the balcony zone from any room, which widens to become deep living areas thanks to the way the building recedes at the corners and in the middle of the long sides. In order to allow residents to enjoy these open spaces more quickly, they were given a furniture set — umbrella, table, flower box, and clothes drying rack — upon moving in.

## DATA

Location	Paris ZAC Clichy Batignolles
Size (GFA/NFA)	10.300 m <sup>2</sup> / 9.500 m <sup>2</sup>
Completion	07/2019
Client	immobilier 3F
Project partner	Sam architecture, Paris
Local partner	Karawitz, Paris
Building physics, structural engineer	GEC, Paris
Consultant environment	RFR éléments, paris
Landscape design	Atelier roberta, paris
Acoustics	Acoustique & Conseil
Photos	Schnepp Renou

## About querkraft

The Vienna-based architecture office querkraft was founded in 1998. Evidence of how successfully the team of around 45 staff works is offered by more than 100 projects, competitions, and buildings in Austria and abroad. Lateral thinking determines this team's work method. querkraft defines its leitmotif as "giving people space", which means striving constantly for generosity in the design of spaces and giving building users freedom to develop. Particularly in the area of housing querkraft has been able to implement many projects based on this philosophy of poetical pragmatism. Office buildings, museums, and projects in public space are also a fixed part of querkraft's oeuvre. Examples include the Liaunig Museum in Carinthia, which has already been declared a listed building. Friendship, respect, and enjoyment of their work define the creed of Jakob Dunkl, Gerd Erhardt, Peter Sapp, and their team.

## Prizes (a selection)

Global Architecture and Design Award for Expo Pavilion

ICONIC award 'best of best' for Ikea / 'Winner' for Residential highrise-ensemble Paris

AIT award education for the Friedrich Fexer school campus

State prize "Architecture & Sustainability" 2013 for the U31 apartment building

Nomination for the International High-rise Building Prize for the Citygate Tower

## Current projects

Austrian EXPO Pavilion for the World Expo 2020/2021 in Dubai, UAE; IKEA the good neighbour in Vienna city centre, AUT; Museum für konkrete Kunst Ingolstadt, GER; University Campus and House of Schools Johannes Kepler Universität Linz, AUT; Housing in Munich and Vienna, etc.

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