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J5A  
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## **J5A | High rise building J5A in Seestadt Aspern | living on the lake**

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### **Living at the lake**

The residential building lakeside is named after its location by the lake in the seestadt aspern. This special site influenced greatly querkraft's design, which through a compact volumetry and the big cantilevering of the balconies allows a view of the lake from every unit.

The balconies are made of a single precast concrete element with a length of up to 3.30 meters, providing a generous open space and becoming the main design characteristic of the building's appearance.

The rainscreen façade is made of corrugated metal sheets emphasizing the vertical linearity of this high rise and allowing for the integration of the rainwater downpipes in between the grooves.

The different volumes of the building are also characterized with different tonalities of grey and white. the space between them forms the single communication area, painted with an intense yellow and recognizable from the outside. Every end of the corridors in this area there are fully glazed, providing light to the interior of the building.

The lower levels in front of the lake promenade form a plinth, in which the split-level communal spaces and playroom are located. The residential units in this area have the access from the street level on a duplex configuration. A ceiling height of 4 meters in the plinth allows a mix use of residential, commercial and offices, remaining flexible for future changes.

Most of the residential units in the tower have double height living rooms up to 5.40m. This makes for an especially generous space with greater openness, bringing the outside into the living area.

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## DATA

Location	Vienna
Size (GFA/NFA)	9000 m <sup>2</sup> (bgr 12.400m <sup>2</sup> )
Completed	2019
Client	Günter Kerbler/Caroline Palfy Cetus Baudevelopment gmbH
Building physics	Schöberl & Pöll
Structural engineer	KS Ingenieure
Electrical engineer	TP Eipeldauer
HVAC	RHM
Fire protection	Röhrer

## 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 Erhartt, Peter Sapp, and their team.

## Prizes (a selection)

Austria Green Planet Building Award – EXPO Pavilion  
Rethinking the Future Award – IKEA Vienna western-station  
German Design Award 'architecture' / 'eco design' / 'conceptual architecture' –  
BAT residential high rise / EXPO Pavilion / IKEA Vienna western-station  
Global Architecture & Design Award 2021 'sustainable architecture' - EXPO Pavilion  
Iconic Award – Innovative Architecture 'best of best' – IKEA Vienna western-station  
Iconic Award – Innovative Architecture 'winner' – BAT Residential Highrise Batignolles  
AIT award education for school campus Friedrich Fexer  
Stateprize for Architecture & Sustainability 2013 for the apartment building U31  
nomination - International Highrise Prize for 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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