

Extra storey in timber structure for REHAB Clinic Basel

Basel, CH



Project details

Client	REHAB Basel, Klinik für Neurorehabilitation und Paraplegiologie, Basel
Architecture	Herzog & de Meuron
Project type	Healthcare and care facilities
Construction type	Wood element construction
Services	Timber construction
Construction	2019
Locality	Basel
Country	Switzerland

REHAB extra storey – a new day clinic is created on the roof terrace

REHAB Basel is a highly specialised clinic where people with brain injuries and /or paraplegia are treated and accompanied on their way back to a life worth living. More space and room for both patients and staff is being added to the building, designed in 2002 by the architects Herzog & de Meuron, in three sub-projects being implemented from 2018 to 2020.

The new storey that was designed using prefabricated timber elements was completed in a matter of seven months. It was positioned on the second floor on what was formerly the existing building's roof terrace and houses a new day clinic. As the extension looks exactly the same as the existing building in terms of style, anyone looking at it will only be able to tell on closer inspection that it was added later.

We were responsible for the implementation planning, production and assembly of the new storey, designed using the timber construction method. Thanks to the extension, REHAB has gained an extra 280 m² of space, providing capacity for a canteen, two relaxation rooms, a nursing room and a living area, plus a changing room and an equipment room. There's also a large terrace that's accessible to patients, relatives and staff alike.

A total of 120 m² of timber was used for the extension. Larch wood was used for the interior cladding, while a mixture of spruce and fir was used both for the structural elements and the signature ceiling. The facade is almost entirely glazed.

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When combined with the black-and-white colour scheme, the terrific amount of timber creates a cosy atmosphere in the modern kitchen.



Even in the relaxation room, the timber on the floor, ceiling and walls defines the stylish, minimalist interior design.



A timber veranda – featuring a spacious yet simple design – is a superb place to sit and relax in the fresh air.

A place on the veranda where people can enjoy both peace and quiet and company.

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The meeting room matches the consistent interior design concept, with plenty of timber used in combination with the colours black and white.



The timber interior design creates a pleasant working atmosphere in the offices.