

SPECIALIZING SECONDARY SCHOOL WITH GYMNASIUMS, ASSEMBLY HALL AND REFECTORY

location: Riaz (Switzerland)
client: LA GRUYERE Association
gross surface: 15 000m²
cost: 32,4M € excl. VAT
phase: international competition
timetable: 11.2012-03.2013

The third specializing school in the Gruyère region finds place at the north entrance to Riaz, in the Fribourg countryside.

The project provides: 58 classrooms, 2 gymnasiums, an assembly hall and a refectory, distribute in different blocks organized around an exterior recreative space. This space becomes the project main actor. His boundaries are fixed by the classroom volume.

The entire composition wants to express a double concept: freedom, given by the basement blocks and order, signified by the annular classroom volume that, thanks to his geometrical purity, becomes a sign of the new complex for those who arrive by car or by bike.

For the same reason, the building scale as like as the dimension of certain elements like window frames are justified referring to the wide agricultural landscape.

Even more, the insertion of the new school complex in the site is underlined by its materials: the sandblast of coloured concrete surfaces let appear calcareous pebbles. This porosity gives to the buildings a certain rough and rural appearance, in contrast with the reflecting precision of the aluminium window frames.

A rich relation between the functional blocks and their interaction with the huge external courtyard contribute to reach favourable learning and exchange conditions.

