

## PRIMARY SCHOOL WITH GYMNASIUM AND RECREATION FACILITIES

location: Versegères (Switzerland)  
client: Valais region; Town of Bagnes  
gross surface: 4 200m<sup>2</sup>  
cost: 10,0M € excl. VAT  
phase: international competition  
timetable: 02.2013-06.2013

The new primary school in Versegères takes place in the center of the plot, in a simple way, trying to give a strong identity to this part of the village.

The choice to let the buildings back from the main road becomes the real backbone of an architectural strategy for a new sequence of public spaces and up to clarify pathways and driveways.

The idea has been translated in a very compact volume, also taking into account the shape and topography of the plot.

To do this the functional program has been organized into two parallel volumes layed on a common basement. Between this basement and the upper floors, a filter-floor connects the interior spaces with the external playgrounds, remembering the void between the stone basement and the upper wooden structure very common in the traditional barns of the Valais region.

Starting from the main road a linear pathway connects the new facilities and even the existing school building, preserved to aloud the creation of additional spaces for the local community.

Main functions, such as the classrooms and service spaces has been separated into two volumes in order to have the best flow organization and thus allow construction of the new school complex in two or, eventually, three phases.

