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Groundbreaking for residential home with integrated day centre in Sedrun – Fanzun involved as client representative

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Groundbreaking took place today at Via Dulezi 8 in Sedrun, next to the school, for the new Casa Depuoz residential home. People with disabilities who depend on a supported home and everyday assistance need more than skilled, committed staff. They also need the right infrastructure.

At the start of 2021, the Casa Depuoz association took over the Soldanella Foundation. The foundation ran the «Casa Soldanella» residential home and a day centre in Rueras for twelve adults with disabilities. Casa Depuoz is currently continuing this service in Rueras. However, the ageing rented building no longer meets current standards for infrastructure for people with disabilities.

The new building in Sedrun will give twelve people with disabilities a modern home across three stacked residential units. Each floor will have four single rooms, each with its own bathroom, plus a living and dining area. The ground floor will house a large multi-purpose room for the day centre. In the new residential home with integrated day centre, people who can live independently will find a comfortable home and meaningful occupation. The operating concept for the home and day centre follows the guidelines of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. It aims to give residents as much autonomy as possible in shaping their lives and to enable them to take part in village life.

Fanzun AG, as client representative, was involved in a planner selection procedure. Of the four architectural firms invited, Albertin Architekten was chosen. Their proposed building fits harmoniously into the local urban structure and links the residential zone with public buildings. The covered side entrance and the small forecourt with a fountain create a welcoming arrival area. The floor plan also convinced the jury, in particular the staff rooms on each residential floor, which streamline work processes.

In designing and planning the new building, Albertin Architekten placed great emphasis on sustainability and reducing CO_2 emissions. The shingles on the façade and the prefabricated timber construction of the walls and ceilings are made from regional timber. This shortens transport routes and supports local businesses, while keeping emissions and environmental impact to a minimum. The team focused on using mainly local resources and avoiding prefabricated products, in order to reduce non-renewable primary energy (embodied energy).

Clay is used in the interiors to improve the indoor climate naturally. Its natural properties regulate humidity, create a balanced indoor climate and promote residents' wellbeing. An in-roof photovoltaic system will be installed on the roof, and a storage battery will optimise local use of renewable energy. The residential home will be connected to the Sedrun anergy network.