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Farkas Oberengadin Senior Citizens' Care and Nursing Home, Samedan

New structure

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Starting situation and idea

The Promulins senior citizens' and nursing home in Samedan did not meet present day needs and requirements. In 2010, project funds were released to conduct an architecture competition. The "Farkas" project was selected out of the 44 submitted entries. From the outset, cost considerations were the principal political topic in the context of the project.

Challenges

The task was to implement the 2012 requirements drawn up by Graubünden canton for living units for senior citizens. The facility was to be connected to the hospital to tap synergies and reduce overheads. Cost-cutting considerations clashed with individual costs such as connection infrastructure, building on a slope, which were cited for political purposes.

Approach

A plinth integrating community facilities connects the new building and the hospital. All upper-floor rooms are south-facing and overlook the valley. Spaces spanning two floors link different living blocks. The vote on releasing loans was preceded by heated debate. Pros and cons were discussed at several meetings. The public rejected the project once in 2013.

Developer: Kreis Oberengadin, Samedan
Project type: New structure
Project author: Bauman Roserens Architekten AG, Zürich
Construction costs: CHF 67 Mio
Scope of services: Client Representation

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