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## Background information

# Rosengarten student housing

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SSWZ (Foundation for Student Housing Zurich) will open the new Rosengarten student housing on 1 September 2020. Situated at Bucheggstrasse, the residence will offer 130 students affordable rooms and high-quality living. Residents of the district will also benefit from childcare facilities, commercial spaces and a public park.



## Hintergrundinformationen

### Project description

The Rosengarten student housing complex is a row of houses that follows the slope of Bucheggstrasse. Each level has one building with two stacked maisonette apartments. The apartments all feature spacious living quarters and an open kitchen. A two-storey loggia connects each pair of apartments. Geothermal probes provide heating and a photovoltaic system generates electricity. A tranquil public park on the courtyard side will be finished by spring 2021.

Address	Bucheggstrasse 4, 6, 8, 10, 12
Overall project management	Stiftung für Studentisches Wohnen Zürich
Management of the residential sub-project	Stiftung für Studentisches Wohnen Zürich
Management of the public space sub-project	Grün Stadt Zürich
Plot	Building rights for construction plot city of Zurich
Architecture and construction management	Atelier Scheidegger Keller GmbH, Zurich, with BGS & Partner Architekten, Zurich
Landscaping	Kolb Landschaftsarchitektur GmbH, Zurich
Art and design	Nicolas Feldmeyer, London
Administration and operations for student housing	Studentische Wohngenossenschaft Zürich WOKO
<b>Scope</b>	
Student housing	16 apartments, each for 7-10 people 2 apartments, each for 3 people
Total residential capacity	130
Kindergarten	25 places
Childcare	25 places
Daycare centre	33 places
Commercial space	Flexible, divisible rental space of 260 m <sup>2</sup> , additional storage and basement space and multifunctional room
Parking	6 parking spaces, 149 bicycle spaces
<b>Spaces</b>	
Total area of plot	~ 4,990 m <sup>2</sup>
Of which neighbourhood park	~ 1,910 m <sup>2</sup>
Of which residential complex	~ 3,082 m <sup>2</sup>
Floor space	~ 6,610 m <sup>2</sup>
Living space	~ 3,570 m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Financing</b>	
ETH Zurich	CHF 4 million
City of Zurich/youth housing fund	CHF 4 million
Canton of Zurich/lottery fund	CHF 3 million
Total cost superstructure	CHF 28 million

# Hintergrundinformationen

## Average prices

Student housing

Avg. CHF 580 / month, all inclusive

## Milestones

2014

Architectural competition

2016

Rezoning of general green zone to W3 residential zone

2016, March

City council decision to transfer building rights to SSWZ, approval of building rights agreement

2016, September

Municipal council approves transfer of building rights

2017

Removal of reservoir

2018

Start of construction

2020, August

Completion of building, commissioning

2020, 1 September

Apartments ready for move-in

2021, spring

Completion of neighbourhood park and landscaping

## From reservoir to student housing complex

The unconventional idea to build student housing on Bucheggstrasse was the brainchild of city councillor Martin Vollenwyder. In 2012, he envisioned building a residence for students at the reservoir site, which had been decommissioned 30 years earlier. Heidi Wunderli, the then president of the foundation council of SSWZ and Rector of ETH Zurich, embraced the idea: the site offered an opportunity to build high-quality student housing at a central location. After the reservoir was removed in 2017, construction of the student housing complex began in 2018. The smart design makes living in the building attractive, despite its rather challenging location on a busy street.

[Image and video material from project](#) →

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