



Klagenfurt, A

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Single-family house

modification and extension, 2005



The existing house from the 1960s had some major functional deficits, such as an unsatisfactory access situation, no driveway or car parking space. The situation was made even more difficult by a sloping site situated between two access roads. The house was a hybrid with two facades and actually two different addresses. The access area and driveway were redesigned through a mirroring procedure, which redefined the former back side of the house as the new front and access side.

A bridge was constructed to make up for the sloping terrain with a new covered platform, which provides parking space for three cars, a forecourt, and an entry porch with room for waste containers.

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Multi-level car park for 183 cars

built 2006



The project is situated in the transition zone between the historical city center and a typically suburban neighborhood of single family houses. The design task mainly posed a problem of scale in order to fit the new volume in with an environment of two-to-three-story building on the one side and a low-density residential development on the other.

The effort to smoothly embed the new volume in its surroundings entails assimilation in scale and height to the adjacent buildings: the elevation is structured with setbacks and openings so as to echo scale relations in the vicinity; the closed facade is broken up with inserts of green.

On the access side, the building rises to three storeys, which accentuates the forecourt, marks the access driveway, and corresponds to adjacent building heights.

The split-level system responds to the natural terrain.

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floor space: 167 m², shed: 35 m², garage: 35m²

built 2005–2006



The property is situated on the edge of a suburban district bordering on relatively untouched nature with the forest almost closing in.

The design thematizes the relationship of settlement and nature, which is reflected in the positioning of the built volumes.

The main building, garage and shed are so positioned as to create a forecourt in the access area, which also demarcates the private green spaces from the road. Both spheres are, however, interrelated through the open space left in between.

