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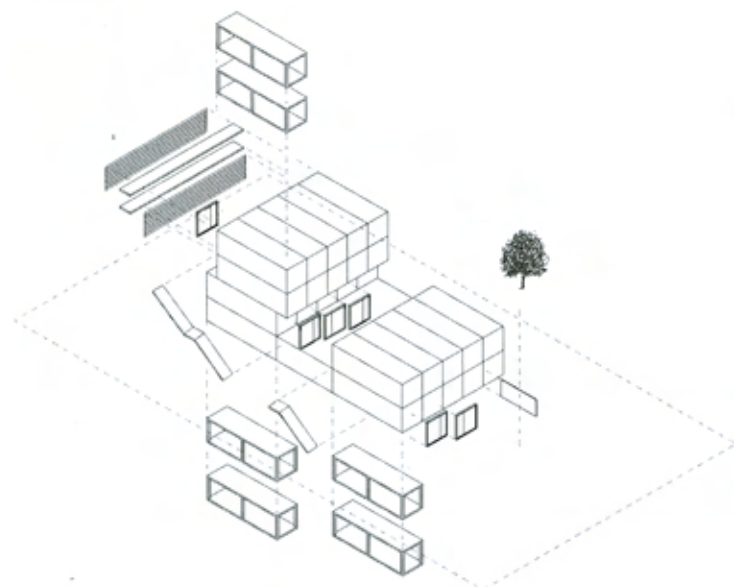


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Team point of view With its concept we orientated ourselves to the typology of the terraced block with well-lit dwelling units and private open spaces. Two slabs of different heights are connected by a ground-floor garage, on the roof of which a communal open space with private terraces and semi-private courtyards links the two structures. With this concept it was possible to create sheltered apartments with high quality even on a busy street. The method of construction using prefabricated room modules could not be realized, considering the costs and the construction. The change of use of the north-oriented units for small businesses presented a special challenge. Dwelling units were likewise to be constructed here. By configuring them as maisonette types with airspace the southern light was able to penetrate deep into the residential units, private open spaces were realized as small gardens on the raised courtyard. Apart from these changes, thanks to an open-minded client it was possible to realize the building close to the competition concept.

European Germany point of view The often controversial scale of European projects, halfway between urban planning and architecture, became a feature of special quality in this case. The western part of the project area was considerably enhanced in the planning phase, in order to mark the city entrance, to provide a spine of buildings for the main access road and, last but not least, to guarantee noise protection for the planned residential district to the south. Since the solution is clever in both urban and architectural terms, it convinced the developer to acquire the area adjacent to the west and to implement the overall project.

