LIVING LEVELS
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ENERGY SELF-SUFFICIENT INDEPENDENT MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING
GENESIS OF HIGH-RISE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS
“Our buildings need to be smart, but ultimately also attractive of course”, say architects Tina Gregorič and Aljoša Dekleva, describing their work. In 2003, they set up their own company in Ljubljana, Slovenia, and caused a stir in the professional world with their very first building, XXS House. The relevant authorities only approved the purist design for a weekend home after intense struggle. Dekleva Gregorič architects developed the extremely reduced concept for monohouse in 2015. It envisages a simple yet comfortable living environment, which can take the form of an additional, independent dwelling in a rear courtyard, a guesthouse or simply a weekend home surrounded by nature. The house is conceived in three different sizes, with 14, 20 or 25 square metres of living space. The dimensions enable the house to be constructed directly on site as a prefabricated module. monohouse boasts intelligent details and quality materials. The functional organization of the interior consists in what the architects call the “Service Strip”, the area on one side of the module that bundles all functions and storage space, while the majority of the space is kept entirely free and flexible.

The module includes the compact bathroom area, two sofas that can be converted into double beds, a mini kitchen and cupboards. Living, cooking and eating, and sleeping areas are all to be found in a connected space that occupants can adapt to their own needs. monohouse can also be purchased completely empty and furnished according to one’s own tastes. The three windows provide plenty of natural light. An inviting terrace leads up to the house, which features a large, sliding glass door that likewise affords great views of the surroundings.