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## European Property Award 2021: Eike Becker\_Architekten receives prestigious prize for residential ensemble 'The Garden'

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(Berlin, December 6, 2021) Intelligent neighborhood development, architectural quality and social sustainability – these are the defining traits of the sophisticated residential ensemble 'The Garden' on central Berlin's Chausseestraße, for which Eike Becker\_Architekten has now received the internationally renowned European Property Award. 'The Garden' prevailed in the category 'Architecture Multiple Residence' as the winner for Germany. Eike Becker: 'We are very happy about this award. Because one of the things our work is about is developing sustainable solutions for architecture and the city, which can then serve as models for future urban planning. The fact that this approach is now being recognized internationally with the European Property Award underscores our way of thinking and planning.'

### Intelligent neighborhood development

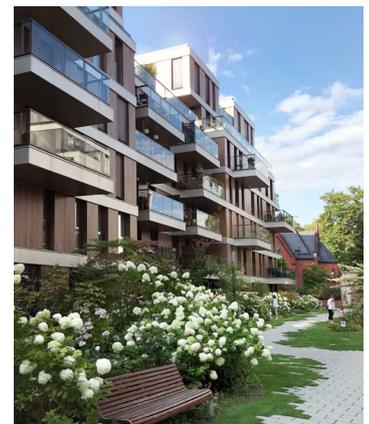
Completed in 2016, the ensemble 'The Garden' consists of 16 houses with up to eight stories and comprises a total of 281 rental units and individually owned apartments. With the buildings, a 12,000-square-meter plot of unused land in the former border strip between East and West Berlin has been transformed into a city neighborhood, designed in the manner of a traditional courtyard ensemble. The result is an almost park-like garden that begins beyond the entrance area and extends all the way to the adjacent Domfriedhof cemetery with its neo-Gothic chapel. TOPOTEK 1 was responsible for the conception and realisation of the garden complex. On the inside, this gives the residential complex the feeling of a green oasis that offers plenty of space for playing and relaxing. At the same time, the streetside buildings in the direction of the Chausseestraße create a clear separation from the avenue's busy traffic and mobility, as well as from the proximity of the new headquarters of the Federal Intelligence Service (BND) on the other side of the street.

### Innovative architectural and material vocabulary

The street facing façade of 'The Garden' is characterized by shifts in material and color that leap across several floors and distinctively define individual building sections in a rhythmic manner. Principles of spatial layering and structural stacking are already reflected here on the street side, then presented in full-fledged sculptural form by the residential buildings inside. These are composed of disjointed staggered floors that feature spacious terraces, loggias and balconies. Sometimes whole living spaces even jut out from the buildings. All buildings meet the requirements of the KfW Efficiency House 55 standard.



'The Garden' – A green, urban residential complex in the middle of Berlin



'The Garden' – innovative architectural and material vocabulary



Eike Becker, founder of  
Eike Becker\_Architekten

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### Social sustainability

On account of its qualities, 'The Garden' not only fulfills the project's specific requirement of urban redensification. It also uses high-quality architecture to create a cross-generational residential offering that confers identity and invites social interaction. The jury was particularly impressed by this aspect of the project 'The Garden'.

### Online red carpet event

Due to the pandemic situation, the award ceremony was held in the form of an online red carpet event. The independent, international jury is chaired by Lord Caithness, Lord Waverley and Lord Best.

### Further information

Eike Becker\_Architekten is one of the most renowned architectural firms in Germany. In 2021, it already received the 'polis Award' for 'The Garden'. In June of this year, it was honored with the European Real Estate Brand Award as the architecture firm with the strongest brand in Germany.

For more information on 'The Garden' and other projects by Eike Becker\_Architekten, see the website [www.eikebeckerarchitekten.com](http://www.eikebeckerarchitekten.com)

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