



Taking the holistic approach. Mauritz Condominium, Münster (GER)

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The Mauritz condominium can be found in the Mauritz quarter of Münster in the midst of a veritable grove of similar detached apartment complexes. Its architects PBA (Peter Bastian Architects) were also responsible for the neighbouring building to the west, constructed a few years before as a multi-apartment block, likewise with the character of a single-family house. The challenge of the second new build lay in creating an appropriate analogy within that environment. Due to the vicinity of the adjacent buildings, the east and west elevations have been designed to restrict visual contact to a minimum. Despite its generous glazing, the façade facing the road is also more constrained in appearance compared to the garden elevation, the latter being open over the full height of its rooms on each floor, with shade provided by full-width balconies all the way up. Two independent

apartments are nested within the building to create the external appearance of an integral unit. The only clue that there is more than one party living in the house is the separate entrances. A smaller “granny flat” is accessed via the side entrance and a direct stairway to the first floor. This contains a living room-diner, bathroom and balcony to the west. Carrying on up the stairs, the second floor contains the combined office and bedroom with the adjoining L-shaped roof terrace. The enveloping design is based on a rectangular grid repeated in the arrangement of the external areas. With the automatic glass sliding door from DORMA discreetly integrated within the interior concept, the strict lines of the architectural design have been adhered to down to the last detail, imparting to the building an attractive “single-cast” appearance.

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DORMA products
ES 200 automatic sliding
door operator

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With a system of nested stairways, the building exhibits a compact vertical access structure enabling the four separate dwelling units to be integrated within a single building with the appearance of a modern, large-roomed villa.



The sliding glass door with the concealed ES 200 automatic operator from DORMA creates an elegant partition yet at the same time providing a visual link between the entrance and living areas.



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