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ingenhoven architects presents their contribution to the design of the future “WerkBundStadt” in Am Spreebord, Berlin

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On the occasion of the German Werkbund Day, from the 23rd to 25th of September 2016, the Berlin Werkbund announces plans for the future development of the “WerkBundStadt”; a new residential district in Berlin-Charlottenburg. Since 2015, ingenhoven architects and 32 other architectural firms, have jointly developed the project in close cooperation with the community, district officials, the Senate, property owners, expert consultants and businesses. The “WerkBundStadt” will be built on a former oilfield tank site of 29,000 square meters near the Spree River. A total 1,100 units are planned, of which 330 units will be rent controlled. Each participating architect will realize one project. ingenhoven architects design will be presented at the Werkbund Day as part of the exhibition “Werkbund Berlin” on the future site of the „WerkBundStadt“.

House 14, ingenhoven architects

The building design of ingenhoven architects is complementary to the urban district, the „WerkBundStadt” – a dense, socially and functionally mixed live-work city, which is combined with the architectural firm’s renowned concept of sustainability. The articulating elements of the facades include brickwork and greenery. The material is reminiscent of the brick building tradition of the neighborhood, however, it is re-interpreted anew. Leafy balconies, terraces, loggias, and bays between the brick fields form protected outdoor areas that provide through the spatial navigation of the elements a dialogue between residential and urban space. By staggering the building to the south, more terraces are created attributable to the apartments. In addition, the high-rise building has a recessed penthouse level with intensive greenery.

The facade concept is optimized in terms of energy

sustainability and efficiency, and ensures a high level of comfort. Window openings are closed in parts with wood clad elements. The structure is constructed from a recyclable, prefabricated modular construction. This allows functional and technical changes of uses throughout the life cycle of the building and easy adjustments to changing living arrangements. The floorplans host a mix of unit sizes, from apartments to maisonette. This mix also contains units allocated as subsidized housing.

A comprehensive sustainable building that exemplifies a new generation of apartment building developments that are environmental, economic and socio-cultural responsible, forms the basis for the building design. "In our contribution to the "WerkBundStadt", we have designed a sustainable, future-oriented, and in many ways, green residential building whose mixed units suits different lifestyles" says Christoph Ingenhoven. In addition, supergreen®, the principles of Cradle to Cradle, and Triple Zero® will be implemented to the project. A Platinum Certification by DGNB is sought.

About ingenhoven architects

Since the establishment of the office in 1985 ingenhoven architects has pioneered an innovative, sustainable and technologically advanced architecture. At its headquarters in Düsseldorf harbor around 90 architects and designers and modellers work from nearly 20 nations. The office regularly sets standards and has won numerous first prizes in international competitions and numerous awards. followed supergreen® The term ingenhoven architects a comprehensive sustainability concept. The agency develops and implements projects of any size and typology in almost all regions of the world - all in accordance with the respective highest green building standards such as LEED, Green Star (Australia), BREEAM (UK), DGNB (Germany) and CASBEE (Japan) , With offices in Switzerland, Austria, Singapore and the USA ingenhoven architects is also represented internationally.

Exhibition: "Werkbund Berlin", Quedlinburger Straße 11, 10589 Berlin, September 29 to 27 November 2016, thursdays till Sundays, 16 to 19 AM. Admission is free.

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