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## Maren Dannien and Matthias Roller convert a neoclassic residential and commercial building into an identity-defining architecture office that acts as a bridge between the past and the present

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Tübingen, Germany

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annien Roller Architekten + Partner's Residential + Commercial Building Conversion With a Single-Storey Extension in Tübingen's historic center is a successful example of architecture integrating into historical context while retaining its own autonomy of style.





A transparent windowed façade leads into the architecture practice's reception area with interlaced apertures through open timber frames offering glimpses of different levels in the open office landscape.

Created by lowering the old building's floor slab, the mezzanine houses technical installations and bathrooms.

The new building, where the library and offices are located, impresses with its bare masonry aesthetic.

For its harmonious design, the project has recently been awarded a 2022 International Architecture Awards Honorable Mention by The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design and The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies.



Wall surfaces in the old building feature unfinished, solid-colored plaster.

Color accents such as the brass railings, silver curtains, and the neon yellow kitchen counter are used to powerful effect.

The angled new building contrasts with the rear of the old building with its modern architecture language, yet forms a natural, integral part of the existing topography.



The open inner courtyard emulates a typical element of the Tübingen urban structure.

Unfinished plaster in restrained colors matches the natural stone walls in the surrounding area.

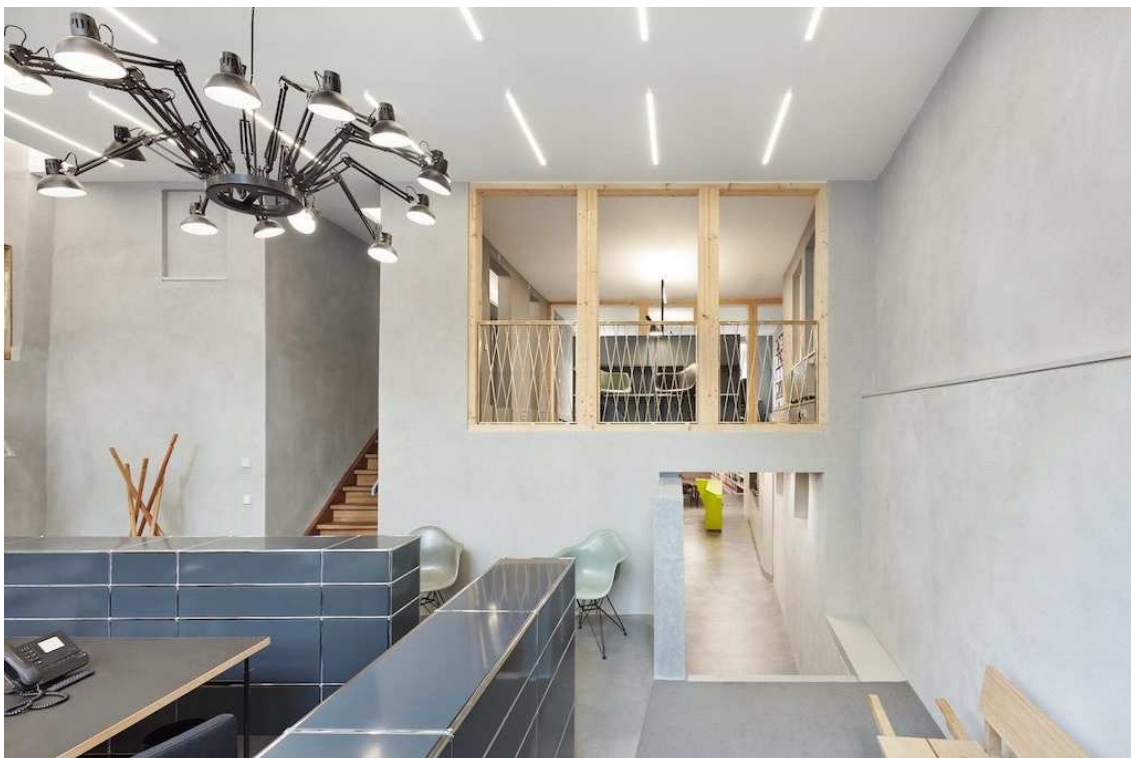
The green roofscape and tiers contrast with the sculptural building structure, respectfully embedded into a terraced slope along the Schulberg.













Project: Residential + Commercial Building Conversion With a Single- Storey Extension Architects: Dannien Roller Architekten + Partner GmbH  
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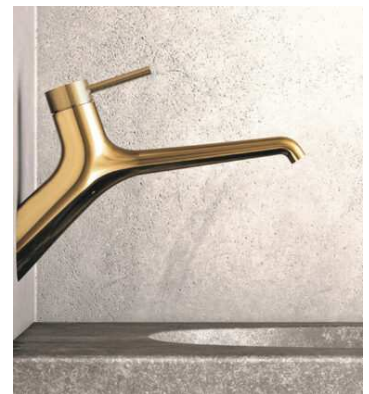
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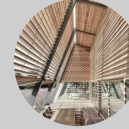


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