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Detached single-family homes are still considered the most attractive form of living in Germany and across most parts of the world. And yet, the related urban sprawl is leading to severe traffic congestion combined with major infrastructure and mobility problems, and to increased destruction of the natural landscape.

For this reason, high-quality concentration is a central strategy for correcting the disadvantages of urban sprawl. The aim was to erect a residential building which has a high residential density, but does not lose the living quality of a single-family home with a garden and garage.

The residential building shown here concerns the new construction of two almost identical apartment buildings, each with eight apartments. Due to the open parking garage on the ground floor, the apartments are suspended over the landscape, elevated away from the adjacent road.

Every apartment has a roof garden orientated towards

the sun, and a wonderful view of the unobstructable green of the bordering landscape.

These roof gardens are uniformly planted with trees and shrubs. In addition to this, areas are provided which can be individually planted on.

This results in a suspended garden which changes its appearance each season.

Because the large sliding doors open directly into the outdoor area, the garden becomes an extended living room in summer. In order to facilitate living in a green area despite the high population density, a multifunctional element has been developed.

This element is a deep parapet, designed to significantly reduce the neighbours' views of each other's homes between the storeys.

Furthermore, the element serves as a plant trough, and thus takes on the function of a noise barrier, so that the

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gardens can be attractive outside areas despite the relatively busy road.

All the bedrooms are situated on the side of the building facing away from the road.

The buildings are in a staggered design, adapted to the natural gradient of the site.

Due to this, and due to the lack of cellars, costly excavation work is reduced to a minimum.

The garage is open on almost all sides, which means that plenty of light can get into the interior.

The undersides of the ceilings are painted in different colours. Due to the eight shades of colour which are repeated in the respective staircases, a clear identification of the address can be achieved.



