

Media Release

Winning project for new school building for ISR announced

The architectural competition for the new building of the [International School Rheintal](#) (ISR) in Buchs has been decided. The architectural firm [Kämpfen Zink + Partner AG, Zurich](#) has convinced the jury with the project "ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR" in all facets and choose it as the winning bid. The two-dimensional design creates a school landscape with a variety of exterior and interior spaces and is particularly convincing due to its biodiversity concept, which naturally invites children to become enthusiastic about sustainability.

The new school building, which includes a double gymnasium, makes an important contribution to the region. The new building is intended to create a future-oriented, international learning environment with a strong regional focus.

ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR convinced the jury

[The Hilti Family Foundation Liechtenstein](#) and ISR have conducted an architectural competition for their new school house. Nine architectural firms were invited to participate in the competition to design the new school building with a budget of CHF 25 - 30 million. Six architectural firms submitted project proposals, all of which met the requirements of the evaluation committee and were admitted to the jury.

The jury included Michèle Frey-Hilti and Klaus Risch, who represented the Hilti Family Foundation Liechtenstein. The expert judges were Werner Binotto, architect HBK SIA BSA, former cantonal master builder in St. Gallen and Prof. Peter Staub, Dipl. AA MSc LSE, University of Liechtenstein. Four other people participated as material judges and experts. The ISR management team provided the jury and judges with an insight into a future-oriented learning environment.

The winner was the architectural firm Kämpfen Zink + Partner AG, Zurich with their project "ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR". One focus of the project that impressed the jury was through its focus on biodiversity, its sustainable energy concept and the division of rooms according to the needs of the students and teachers, which offers, among other things, versatile learning landscapes and a roof garden. The two-story wooden building with its high rooms promotes community (picture) and meets the requirements of a modern-day school concept. The local community of Buchs will provide the land, which is ideally located near the educational campus in Buchs.

Further innovations for the current school year

The announcement of the new school building has given the International School Rheintal a recent boost. The school year 2020/2021 starts with the new CEO and Director Liz Free , eight new staff members and a total of 142 students. The ISR Board expects to move into the new premises on the corner of Hanflandstrasse and Werdenbergstrasse in the summer of 2023 with a completely redesigned and renovated school.

ISR offers International Baccalaureate programs for students starting in Kindergarten to Grade 12. For more please visit www.isr.ch or contact:

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