



Functionality and aesthetics as an expression of corporate identity

Anklin AG is a leading Swiss supplier of endoscopic instruments and peripheral devices for medical and technical applications. Founded over 60 years ago, the company's defining characteristics are technical expertise, reliability, and high quality. These values are reflected in the appearance of the newly constructed company headquarters in Reinach (BL). The building was planned and realized by IE, which acted as the total contractor for this project.

The history of Anklin AG is characterized by continuity. Most of the current 60 employees have been with the company for 20, 30, or even 40 years, and the company has grown steadily over time. When the premises in Binningen became too small, the company looked for a new location and acquired a plot of land in Reinach with a shed building, a single-story hall, and a three-story office and commercial building from the 1970s, with the intention of converting and, if necessary, expanding the existing structures.

PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION PERIOD

- › 3 years (2014–2017)

CONSTRUCTION SCOPE

- › Production area: 4.500 m²
- › Building height: 11,35 m
- › SIA-Volume: 33.500 m³

INVESTMENT VOLUME

- › CHF 21,5 million

RANGE OF SERVICES IE

- › Feasibility studies
- › Planning and execution as total contractor
- › Operations planning
- › Planning and execution of structural reinforcement of existing buildings



A new building and reserves for future growth

The company brought IE on board as general planner, who worked with the client to develop a space allocation plan based on operational processes and tailored to current and future needs. On this basis, IE developed a feasibility study that presented various scenarios for optimal use of the site, taking into account the current structural situation. After careful evaluation, the owner family decided to demolish the shed building in accordance with the recommendation of the IE planners and erect a new building in its place. The existing rented buildings are to remain in place for the time being and be structurally upgraded in accordance with current standards. If necessary, they can be replaced by an extension to the new building at a later date.

An intelligently designed production layout

The new building is divided into three levels, on which the partly interlocking uses are sensibly distributed. On the ground floor, the equipment and equipment towers are assembled and tested, repairs are carried out, and rental equipment is provided. The workshop and shipping department are also located here. All these functional areas are grouped along the four outer walls around the centrally located warehouse. Packaging, consumables, and exhibition materials are stored in the basement. The reception area, offices, and training rooms are located on the upper floor. These surround the green inner courtyard, which serves as a recreation area. It is also a sign of how much the owner family cares about the well-being of employees and guests. In addition, the building structure was designed in such a way that it can be extended by two further floors, in line with a flexible, multifunctional overall concept.

An energy concept geared towards efficiency and sustainability

The client also placed great emphasis on energy efficiency. The energy concept is based on geothermal energy with 16 geothermal probes reaching depths of up to 180 meters. The geothermal heat pump provides heat for space heating and water and can also be operated as a cooling machine in summer. Most of the electrical drive energy for the building services is produced by the photovoltaic system mounted on the roof.

A strong appearance with clear contours

With its simple cubature, the new building of the endoscopy specialist sets an unmistakable accent in its heterogeneous surroundings. The curtain-type concrete elements of the facade, with their differentiated profile structure, create a plasticity that changes depending on the incidence of light and carries the dynamics prevailing inside the building to the outside.

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