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Contemporary Housing

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Siedlung Alfred-Delp-Weg

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The project involves 105 low-income dwellings within the Zietenterasse, a redevelopment area of former military barracks and the site of residential expansion on the city outskirts. The volumetric definition of the project correlates closely to the architectural and typological solution: three building units are placed on the long and narrow lot, each one composed of an assemblage of modular "parcels" measuring 17.4 metres on a side. With the design of their roofs, their serial character creates a compact, monolithic structure that re-establishes an urban rapport between building and street while still conserving characteristics of individuality that enhance the inhabitants' sense of identification with their personal dwelling.

The structure of the units has been designed to create flexible dwelling types to satisfy a diversity of needs and lifestyles, with the maximized neutrality of the spaces ensuring the broadest range of use options.

