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Press release

## A good place for healing

**Therapeutic clarity meets home-like warmth: with Bauwerk Parkett's Formpark Quadrato creative parquet, Haus T in Münsterlingen chooses a floor that conveys calm and structure.**



*In Haus T, a psychiatric hospital building in Switzerland's Münsterlingen, therapy has been given a new look in terms of spaces, atmosphere and materials. The wooden structure stands out for its clear arrangement, abundant daylight and natural materials, bringing about an environment that communicates safety and facilitates familiarisation. The floor plays a decisive role here: thanks to its distinctive cube pattern and calm grain, Bauwerk Parkett's Formpark Quadrato in Oak Nature affects the inner workings of the building, thus becoming a quiet driver of its therapeutic concept.*

When you enter the new building in the Münsterlingen hospital area, you immediately feel that it was built differently. No cold clinic hallways, no aseptic surfaces. Instead, there is wood, light and pleasant order. Within the existing complex, the new structure sits between the former pathology wing and the community centre, setting a new standard for how to approach sensitive healthcare buildings.

Designed by Scheitlin Syfrig Architekten from Lucerne, Haus T offers space for around 60 patients to find a retreat, receive treatment and interact, laid out over three floors. "We are very pleased that, for the first time in the last 40 years, the Münsterlingen Psychiatric

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Hospital has a new building”, enthused Dr Ralf Gebhardt, Hospital Director for Psychiatric Services in Thurgau. The building represents a new approach to therapy: open, clear and human.

### **Open structures, healing spaces**

Here, therapy is viewed not as a closed world, but rather as an open and structured system. The rooms stretch windmill-like around a central core. This design approach helps with familiarisation and conveys safety: both are decisive factors in day-to-day therapeutic work. Every ward consists of smaller units, creating a feeling of closeness and security.

The large variety of therapeutic services offered at the Münsterlingen Psychiatric Hospital can be experienced through the spaces of the Haus T building itself. The institution brings together inpatient psychotherapy, crisis intervention, parent-child treatment and specialised services for various mental disorders under one roof.

Large windows let daylight flood deep into the rooms, offering a view of Lake Constance and its surrounding landscape. Common and therapy rooms are thus directly connected to nature. As a result, the building itself becomes a part of the therapeutic process: it supports without intruding.

### **A house of wood**

The wooden building’s entire atmosphere is defined not only by its compact shape, but also by its largely visible support structure. As a breathing material, wood has an equalising effect on the climate, has a subtle scent, ages beautifully, reduces stress and adds tangible warmth to the rooms. The natural quality of the material helps create a balanced indoor climate, combining cosiness, good air quality and acoustic calm – qualities that are equally critical functionally and from a therapeutic perspective. Scheitlin Syfrig Architekten emphasise that “the materials create a home-like atmosphere, intentionally distancing the project from the usual appearance of hospital buildings”.

Bauwerk Parkett’s oak floor contributes to this effect. It consistently upholds the material concept as a tactile and visual connection between architecture and atmosphere. In this way, a house was built that radiates security without confining, that conveys clarity without appearing stern and forbidding. In this building, wood becomes a medium for closeness, a material that sets a balance between function, sustainability and humanity.

### **Parquet for groundedness and trust**

The parquet floor regulates the indoor climate and absorbs noises, thus serving as a perfect addition to the wooden building’s thermic and acoustic features. The floor is also much more than just a surface: it makes a decisive impact on the atmosphere in the

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building. Over 1,200 square metres of Bauwerk Parkett's modern Formpark Quadrato 2-layer parquet was installed in Haus T, both in the one and two-bed rooms and in the therapy and community spaces. The calm grading and distinctive cube pattern of the oak parquet bring calm and structure at the same time. The format's 1:5 plank dimension ratio makes designs possible that go beyond conventional patterns, generating a subtle dynamic that makes the rooms livelier without causing anxiety.

Its warm appearance and natural feel add a touch of cosiness to the clinical routine, as well as a sensation of groundedness and trust.

### **Details and facts**

Project: Haus T, Münsterlingen Psychiatric Hospital (CH)

Builder: thurmed Immobilien AG (CH)

Operator: Spital Thurgau AG, Frauenfeld (CH)

Architects: Scheitlin Syfrig Architekten AG, Luzern (CH)

Completion: November 2022

Bauwerk Parkett: 1,200 m<sup>2</sup> Formpark Quadrato, Oak Nature, calm

Installation partner: Scheuermann AG, Goldach (CH)

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**1** The building's clearly structured floor plan generates order and calm, while natural materials, such as in Bauwerk Parkett's floors, produce an atmosphere that conveys closeness and security. Also, different nuances of the wood stand out depending on the time of day, bringing depth and stability into every room. Photo: Fabian Luterbach

**2** The compact structure of the wooden building is divided into four projecting corners, a detail that not only helps with familiarisation, but also enables a large variety of flexible room arrangements. Photo: Fabian Luterbach

**3** From the support structure to the flooring, wood defines the building's atmosphere across all its areas. Here, Formpark Quadrato parquet by Bauwerk Parkett combines the cosy warmth and functional robustness, thus becoming a quiet companion for the day-to-day therapeutic work: discreet, but always tangibly there. Photo: Fabian Luterbach

**4** In addition to the one and two-bed rooms, the new building for Münsterlingen Psychiatric Hospital includes recreation and community rooms for rest and meetings, as well as therapy areas, all of which owe their cosy atmosphere to oak parquet by Bauwerk Parkett. Photo: Fabian Luterbach

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**5** Haus T supports everyday therapeutic work through its architecture. Floor-to-ceiling windows installed throughout the building offer a view of Lake Constance and its surroundings, bringing the interior closer to nature. Photo: Fabian Luterbach

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