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Duplex Architekten demonstrieren beispielhaft wie innovativer Wohnungsbau in der Schweiz funktioniert und welchen Beitrag wir damit für die Stadt leisten können. Mit dieser Monografie erhalten sie einen ersten sehr direkten Einblick in ihre Arbeitsweise. Anhand von fünf wegweisenden Wohnprojekten in der deutschsprachigen Schweiz wird ihre Haltung zum Städtebau, zur Typologieforschung, zur Materialität und ihrer besonderen Bürostruktur gezeigt. Es geht um den städtebaulichen Massstab genauso wie um das Detail, um die Erfindung neuer Wohnformen, den Wert der Gemeinschaft und die Gestaltung des Prozesses als Teil des Entwurfs. Die beiden Herausgeber Nele Dechmann und Ludovic Balland beleuchten die Arbeiten von Duplex Architekten auf ihre jeweils eigene Weise. Neben den beiden Gründern Anne Kaestle und Dan Schürch kommt eine Reihe weiterer Autoren zu Wort, die ihren sehr persönlichen Blick auf diese ersten wichtigen Werkzeuge teilen.

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- First monograph on Swiss firm Duplex Architects to date, documents in great detail five housing designs that exemplify Duplex Architects' position, concepts, and methods
- Outstanding book design by Ludovic Balland Typography Cabinet

Duplex Architects were founded in 2007 in Zurich and now also run offices in Düsseldorf, Hamburg, and, most recently, in Paris. They have gained an excellent reputation internationally for their designs of various scales and across a vast range of typologies.

This first monograph on Duplex Architects' work in Germany and Switzerland offers a close look at their approach to housing design. Five projects in Switzerland are documented extensively through a wealth of images, plans, and visualisations, exemplifying the firm's position on urban planning, typology research, and materiality and demonstrating their utterly independent way of working. Urban scale, search for new forms of communal living, the importance of community, and a collaborative design process are at the core of Duplex Architects' explorations into residential architecture.

Nele Dechmann's text and Ludovic Balland's photo essay serve to illuminate Duplex Architects' work each in their own way. Further texts are contributed by the firm's founding partners Anne Kaestle and Dan Schürch, as well as by other expert authors, who cast their own personal glance at the five projects featured in this book.

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