



# Pavillon Le Corbusier Zurich

## The Restoration of an Architectural Jewel

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- Documents the restoration of Le Corbusier's exhibition pavilion in Zurich, his last realised design
- Features previously unpublished historic images as well as newly commissioned photographs of the restored building by distinguished Swiss photographer Georg Aerni

Situated on the shore of the Lake Zurich, Le Corbusier's exhibition pavilion is his last realised design. Based on his Modulor proportional system and at the scale of a single-family home, it demonstrates the potential of prefabricated elements to form a perfect space for art and design. Commissioned in 1960 by Heidi Weber, Zurich-based gallery owner and patron of Le Corbusier the visual artist, this structure in steel and glass represents pivotal aspects of his architectural philosophy and also points to the future.

Architects Silvio Schmed and Arthur Rüegg have carefully restored the Pavillon Le Corbusier to its original state, including the reconstruction of missing pieces of furniture and luminaires. This book documents their research and the restored building, featuring previously unpublished historic photographs and documents alongside newly commissioned images by Georg Aerni.

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