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Construction starts on "Villa Wirbelwind"

At the beginning of July construction will start on the new nursery for the Liechtenstein banks. Under the umbrella of the Bankers Association, "Villa Wirbelwind" will be created at Äulestrasse 46 in Vaduz - a modern care facility for children of employees at the banking centre. The nursery will be opened in the summer of 2017.

Vaduz, 1 July 2016

The redevelopment work on the property, which was built in 1922, will last until the end of April 2017. The costs of the construction work will be covered by the municipality of Vaduz. ArchitekturAtelier in Vaduz, which has experience in the design of kindergartens and nurseries, has been commissioned to plan and manage the redevelopment and renovation work. "We are really pleased to be able to carry out this project," says Claudia Salzgeber, architect at ArchitekturAtelier. "With the renovation of this historic villa we want to create a link between the characteristic country house style and a flexible, modern childcare facility - between tradition and innovation." This will give the building a really special charm. "Following the complete redevelopment, fixtures and fittings will be added to the interior to suit its use, the costs of which will be covered by the Liechtenstein Bankers Association (LBA). "The conversion of the villa into a nursery is a big asset for the municipality of Vaduz," says mayor Ewald Ospelt. "The building in the centre of Vaduz has been lying empty for a long time. Now it will be given a new lease of life and be put to good use."

The LBA has leased the building for the next 15 years. "We are delighted to be able to implement this project together with the municipality of Vaduz and to have found the perfect building in a central location for our new nursery in the property at Äulestrasse 46," says Simon Tribelhorn, CEO of the Bankers Association, representing the LBA member banks. "The nursery is an important matter for our members," continues Tribelhorn. After the completion of the redevelopment work and the interior finishing, which is planned for between May and July next year, employees at the banking centre will have a high-quality, modern facility for the care of their children.

In the red and blue of the Bankers Association

"Villa Wirbelwind", as the new Bankers Association nursery will be known, is to open in the summer of 2017. It will offer space for two to three groups of ten to twelve children, each, aged between four months and four years old (or beginning of kindergarten). The sponsoring organisation is the Association of Nurseries in Liechtenstein, with which an appropriate contract has already been concluded.



"We are also currently working on the public appearance of Villa Wirbelwind," explains Tribelhorn. The name and logo have already been decided; a website will be created by the autumn, which will be integrated into the current Bankers Association website. "The link between "Villa Wirbelwind" and the Bankers Association will be outwardly visible too - the logo is graphically very similar to our own LBA logo and we are also taking inspiration for the colours from those of the Bankers Association."

Registration from September

In order to enable parents to make long-term plans for the care of their children, registration for "Villa Wirbelwind" will be possible from autumn this year. Employees at the Liechtenstein banks will be informed in good time of the start of the application period, the costs and the relevant conditions.

Promoting the compatibility of family and career

With the joint nursery the Liechtenstein banks want to create the optimum conditions for the compatibility of family and career for their employees. In view of the increasing skills shortage in the region and the constantly increasing need for child care places, this is an important step in order to continue to be one of the most innovative and attractive employers in the future.

"Villa Wirbelwind" in brief:

- Location: in the centre of Vaduz, at Äulestrasse 46, Vaduz
- Planned opening: summer 2017
- Two to three groups, each comprising between ten and twelve children, aged between four months and four years old (or beginning of kindergarten)
- Floor space: around 550 m²
- Operator of "Villa Wirbelwind": Liechtenstein Bankers Association (LBA)
- Sponsoring organisation: Association of Nurseries in Liechtenstein
- Building owner: municipality of Vaduz
- Planning and redevelopment: ArchitekturAtelier

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LBA board bank representatives along with the mayor, ArchitekturAtelier and the project managers on a tour of the future "Villa Wirbelwind"



Back row from left to right: Christoph Reich (LLB), Edi Wögerer (Bank Frick), Thomas Bühlmann (VP Bank), Norbert Biedermann (LGT), Pietro Leone (Neue Bank)

Front row: Adolf E Real (LBA), Simon Tribelhorn (LBA), Ewald Ospelt (Municipality of Vaduz), Edith Aa (co-project manager), Claudia Salzgeber (ArchitekturAtelier), Martin Ott (ArchitekturAtelier)

Logo of the future Villa Wirbelwind:


Villa Wirbelwind
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