



The listed post and telegraph office is located just a few steps away from Kurfürstendamm and Viktoria-Luise-Platz in Berlin Schöneberg. The brick-clad reinforced concrete structure was designed by Chief Postmaster Willy Hoffmann in 1925, and has now been converted into a residential building.

Additions such as the courtyard structure towards the school, the front building and roof addition on Geisbergstrasse, and the narrow townhouse on Welserstrasse create a whole new ensemble together with the existing buildings, projecting the image of a coherent urban complex.

The new parts take up on the structural elements and material qualities of the historic building. The division of the façades follows the same logic as the post office, both in size and structure. The brick-clad historic buildings are now complemented by the bright plaster façades of the new. The substance of the old building, with its modernist design language and expressionistic decor, has been preserved. All necessary upgrades were very clearly defined and carried out with tremendous care. Special attention was given to the façade, the staircases, the entrance area, and the former service hall, which is the heart of the building. Like the two courtyards, it acts as a place of meeting and communication for the residents.

Life in Geisberg Berlin has many faces. Balconies that seem to float offer private open-air spaces towards the courtyards. Attic apartments with large terraces and maisonette apartments offer their occupants wonderful views over the rooftops of the city. Apartments range in size from 50 to 200 square meters and various typologies are united under one roof with a call for the future: How can we design our living environments positively and sustainably? How do we want to live together, both as individuals and as a community?



Competition	2013
Project start	2013
Construction start	2015
Completion	2020
Gross floor area	25,000 m <sup>2</sup>
Client	FORE GBS Development GmbH
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Project team	Sylvie Eckert (Deputy project architect), Jan Giehler, René Kobel, Ka-Shing Chui, Marie Krüger, Matthias Fruntke
Competition team	Markus Penell, Fabian Maurer
Restoration consultant	BASD Gerhard Schlotter, Berlin
Structural engineer	fd-ingenieure, Berlin
Building physics	Müller-BBM GmbH, Berlin
Services engineer	Winter Ingenieure, Berlin
Fire consultant	hhp Ingenieure für Brandschutz GmbH, Berlin
Landscape architect	CMC - Coqui Malachowska Coqui, Berlin

