



Live in style from Berlin to Ibiza

By making full use of their innovative ideas, existing expertise and ties to architects worldwide, Blumers Architekten create residential and commercial construction projects that are fit for the future.

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Founded in 1998, Blumers Architekten is based in West Berlin's district of Charlottenburg. With the thriving city on their doorstep, the design and construction experts don't have to look far for inspiration and a lot of their work is naturally focused on Berlin. Known as a creative location for scientific research with a growing economy while maintaining moderate rental and buying prices, Berlin has notably distinguished itself from other big cities in Europe. However, during recent years, the demand for living space has significantly increased. The ever-growing demand for properties, particularly due to immigration, has intensified the quantitative pressure on the property market. With regards to in-

vestments in already existing or newly created buildings, the costs are set to further increase due to the growing demand for energy efficiency as well as barrier-free, senior-friendly living. Overall, the findings show that there is a general rising valuation of urban properties. Mounting demand for a life in the city is leading to a qualitative "upgrading" of residential buildings, which are supported by the special assignments regarding energetic renovation and senior-friendly conversions. Having recognised this all-encompassing trend, Blumers Architekten is in the process of realising a broad range of projects in various stages of development within not only Berlin, but also other parts of Germany and Europe.

From exclusive private villas to public housing projects, university buildings, health care and shopping centres, a special emphasis is put on design and construction in existing contexts. This includes the renovation, reconstruction and extension of already present buildings – often by taking into consideration the specific regulations in place to protect historic buildings.

Thinking ahead

For Blumers Architekten, planning is much more than just thinking about a project; it is about thinking something through in advance and acting responsibly – only then can they come up with solutions that are future-oriented and optimal in terms of the technical and economic requirements. Thus, when approaching a project, the architects try to always find new approaches to tackle complex assignments while guaranteeing high standards in design and functionality.



client, it is worthwhile mentioning the ecologically sustainable aspect of this current project, including a combined heat power plant with a condensing boiler to produce heat and electrical energy, a solar powered system on all of the buildings, rainwater collection to water the green spaces as well as a charging station for electric vehicles. The start of this building project is scheduled for the end of 2014.

and investment that takes place in Munich, Germany from 6-8 October 2014.

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Left: Exclusive private villa, Ibiza

Below, from top to bottom:

Am Carlsgarten, Berlin

Historic railway estate, Elstal, Wustermark

Paseo del Borne, Palma

Spanish Embassy, Berlin

Research centre, Freie Universität Berlin



International connections

One of most recent projects by Blumers Architekten involved the renovation of 120 flats in the listed historic railway estate of Elstal, located 25 kilometres from Berlin's famous Kurfürstendamm. The client, Deutsche Wohnen AG, is one of the leading housing associations in Germany listed on the stock market. Equally important projects were the reconstruction of the re-

search centre at the Freie Universität Berlin and the Spanish Embassy in Berlin that was partly refurbished and partly built as new according to historic protection regulations in 2002. Since the Spanish Embassy in Berlin, the Blumers architects ventured further into the Mediterranean country, having made a name for themselves within the Spanish property market during recent years. In Mallorca and Ibiza, the team has already realised several substantial residential and retail projects for private investors. A current project in Mallorca is the renovation and conversion of a historically-listed house from 1929 in the old town of Palma, which is being used both for residential and commercial purposes.

The team consists of more than 20 experts, each one specialised in all areas of building work. Many employees have been part of the team for over ten years and as a result, the client can expect reliable planning and smooth administration. The office handles all the phases of a project, so that in addition to planning and tendering, the team also has a lot of experience when it comes to implementing big projects as a general planner or conventionally observing the construction process of individual installations.

Their approach to architecture has brought them far. From among the numerous competitions that Blumers Architekten have won, the recent project "Am Carlsgarten" in the Berlin district of Karlshorst stands out. On a park-like green area of 13,500 square metres, 101 flats, 115 underground parking spaces and 2,000 square metres of commercial space are coming into existence. With Helma Wohnungsbau GmbH as the

If all this has made you curious to learn more about the innovative architecture firm, the team of Blumers Architekten can be found at the Expo Real 2014 – the leading European B2B trade fair for property