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Implenia Wooden Construction's Giesserei project in Winterthur wins Silver in the National Prix Lignum 2015 – Multi-generation housing cited as groundbreaking timber work | Second place out of 437 projects submitted from all over Switzerland

Dietlikon, 25 September 2015 – With more than 150 apartments on six floors, the Giesserei in Winterthur is one of the largest timber-built housing developments in Switzerland. According to the jury of the Prix Lignum, which is awarded for the whole of Switzerland every three years, the project is a great example of what can be achieved with wood on a large scale: "The building is a beacon project that demonstrates the role modern wooden construction can play in the urban environment today and tomorrow." These are the qualities that secured silver for the project yesterday. Working as part of the "MGH Implenia STRABAG" consortium for the client GESEWO, Implenia was responsible for the wooden construction work on one of the two lots.

The Minergie-P-Eco development is ecologically, socially and economically groundbreaking. As well as its intrinsic values, the Giesserei's architecture is also impressive. Everything except the basement floor and the stairwells are made entirely of wood. The new build proudly shows off its construction method with red external panelling making the wood a very visible presence in the town. "The Prix Lignum 2015 has rewarded the expert wooden construction skills of Implenia and our consortium partner – we're very pleased and proud," says Christian Kündig, Head of Implenia Wooden Construction.

In addition, the regional Prix Lignum 2015 for the five regions of West, Mid, North, East and Central Switzerland were awarded today. Three more Implenia projects were honoured:

- The Wellnesshostel4000 & Aqua Allalin in Saas-Fee won Bronze in the regional Prix Lignum 2015 (Mid Region)
- Honourable mention for the elephant park at Zurich Zoo (North Region)
- Honourable mention for the Neugrüen neighbourhood in Mellingen (North Region)

For more information, please see the [Prix Lignum 2015](#) website.

Giesserei facts and figures:

Client: GESEWO, Genossenschaft für selbstverwaltetes Wohnen, Winterthur

Architecture: Galli Rudolf Architekten, Zurich

Wooden engineering: Indermühle Bauingenieure, Thun

Wooden Construction: ARGE "MGH Implenla STRABAG" (formerly: ARGE "MGH Implenla Brunner"), Zurich;
Knecht, Oberwil



The companies involved in the Giesserei project in Winterthur received the Silver prize at the Prix Lignum 2015 in Bern on 24 September 2015: GESEWO, Genossenschaft für selbstverwaltetes Wohnen (the client), Implenla Ltd., STRABAG AG, Knecht AG, Galli Rudolf Architekten AG, Indermühle Bauingenieure GmbH and ph-Baummanagement AG. (Source: © Prix Lignum 2015)



At the Giesserei in Winterthur, everything except the basement floor and the stairwells is made entirely of wood. Implenla Wooden Construction played a major role in the project. (Source: © Hannes Henz, Zurich/Prix Lignum 2015)

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