

Binningen II

Lütjens Padmanabhan

Lütjens Padmanabhan Archi-
tekten, Apartment Building
in Binningen, 2014
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Lütjens Padmanabhan Architects was established by Oliver Lütjens and Thomas Padmanabhan in 2007. The recent work of the practice focuses on housing in the residential districts surrounding the cities of Zürich, Basel and Munich. Despite their love for a more refined, urbane architecture, Oliver Lütjens and Thomas Padmanabhan have light-heartedly embraced the fact that most of their commissions are set in the mundane anonymity of suburbia. Their interest in complex architectural expression has distanced the practice from the craft-oriented mainstream of Swiss architecture. The current projects explore the impossible task of reconciling the autonomy of the exterior facade with the typological uncertainty of interior spaces and loose urban contexts.

After teaching as assistants at ETH Zürich Oliver Lütjens and Thomas Padmanabhan were guest professors at TU Munich and EPF Lausanne.