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Between 2 Squares, Leuven

Design Company: Sasaki Architecture
 Project Completion Year: 2012/2014
 Project Location: Leuven, Belgium
 Area: 12,000 m²
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Construction Of 37 Apartments, 2 Lobbies And 5 Commercial Spaces With Underground Parking Space, Design Of The Courtyard And The Surrounding Public Space, Renovation Of The Facades Of The Old Building.
 The building was created on the site of the former swimming pool of the city of Leuven. The site is located in the historic city center. The building is designed as a common garden around which the buildings are organized. The lowest levels of the main building are involved in the central courtyard, with the small-scale typology of the residential building. On the other side the apartment building finishes the A. Smeetsplein. The building

with the shade of a large building block, surrounded by buildings, squares and courtyards, transform the present back and left-over spaces to front side. The facades of the buildings each have their own logic, but there is one general materialization: horizontal lines, alternating glass and concrete, wrap the buildings and the courtyard. This manner a whole of contrasting elements, interrupted and interrupted by the building with its personal touch. Depending on the typologies of the building and the courtyard, they become a unity by using the same materials. The elements in concrete are colored with a patina of Oak Blends, a partner of the Flemish architect who lived in Leuven. The same pattern is used for the metal railing of the balconies and the design of the public space.





