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DIZZY HEIGHTS Geneva

● ● For innovative building designs

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Geneva is renowned for high land prices, long housing tenure and great demand for city centre property. Which is why local firm Amaldi Neder Architectes has made its name for building up instead of out. “For developers, really the only way is up,” says partner Federico Neder.

His practice has capitalised on a decision by the local government to give a fresh perspective to the city skyline by allowing new floors to be built on top of existing buildings.

The firm has made its reputation for itself by striving ahead with a series of roof developments that are punctuating Geneva’s horizon.

Amaldi Neder makes use of light materials such as glass, wood and steel to create fluid and transparent interior spaces, with exteriors that are sympathetic to the existing building below. The design takes into account factors that will enhance and improve the building as a whole, including installation of green eco-roofing





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using solar panels. The firm approaches roofs as the fifth façade of an apartment, using sweeping windows and playing with the balance between interior and exterior to create an open living environment, which makes the most of the view.

Having completed eight rooftop conversions to date, with each taking approximately 12 months to complete, the architect duo have a further four additional developments planned for the Genevan skyline.

It's not always straightforward. "Building on people's heads, we have to deal with structural and logistical aspects that can be demanding; it takes time to find the right solution for each build," says Neder.

Despite the challenge, Argentinian-born Neder and his business partner Paolo Amaldi have embraced a unique way to enlarge the footprint of their city, even when space works against them. — TAB amaldi-neder.com



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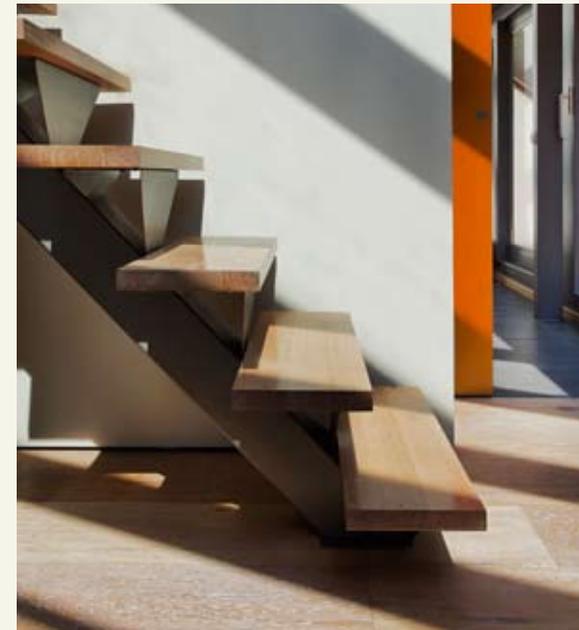


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Amaldi Neder Architects

1999 Paolo Amaldi and Federico Neder start working together on research and architecture projects.
2002 Amaldi Neder Architects is founded after the pair win the ISP competition for redesigning the headquarters of the Institut Suisse de Police.
2007 Designs for a collective housing project for young families alongside senior citizens wins first

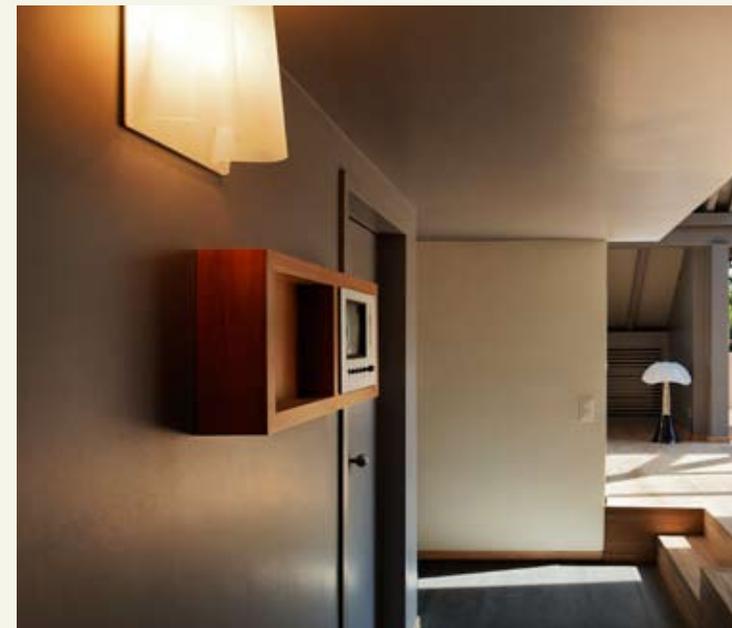
prize in the Perly-Certoux intergenerational housing competition.
2009 Amaldi Neder designs and builds its first rooftop project in the Pâquis neighbourhood, Geneva.
2015 The Perly-Certoux intergenerational housing project will open its doors in central Geneva.



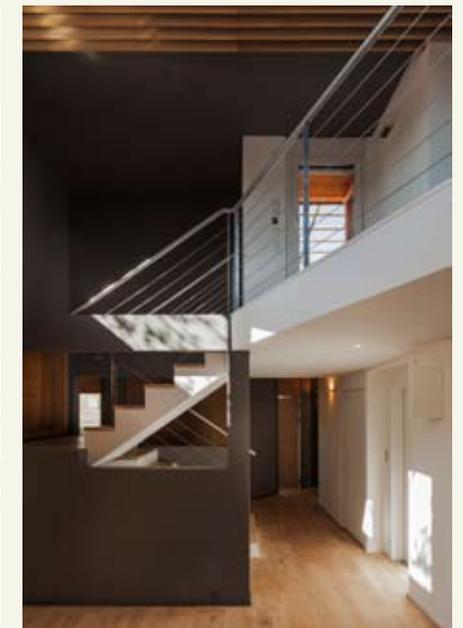
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