Paradise of Growth
Kindergarten Design
Extension of Kindergarten St.Pölten

The extension of the Kindergarten St.Pölten from four to five groups is based on the idea to use all synergies of the existing structure to create a minimum of space manipulation and to conserve access areas.

The existing kindergarten is located within the first and second story of the office building. Its four classrooms and multi-purpose/exercise room face east to the promenade of the river Traisen. The only possibility to create more space for the children is to build an annex located on the outside of the building.

Initially, the requested space allocation plan was rethought and reduced to a minimum. Wherever possible, a multifunctional use was created within the existing walls. So as to keep in quality of illumination and fascinating view in the direction of the river the additional volume was conceived in front of the existing two-storey floor. Due to this positioning no additional development was necessary.

An exercise room is located on the ground floor of the new building. The upper floor provides the multi-purpose room and forms as additional classrooms including classroom, a small storage room and laundries. By means of a ramp it is connected with the second floor of the old building. Both rooms have a large panoramic window facing east having an unobstructed, diversified view onto the promenade, the playground and the river Traisen.

To ensure the illumination of the entrance and the foyer the partition was placed in a way that a little gap was created between the existing facade and the new structure. A vitrine frame connects the Old and the New. The eastern elevation incorporates the height and forms axis of the existing kindergarten. Regarding design and materiality the forming of the building is consciously effected on a solitary building. Due to this approach an unrestricted operation of the existing kindergarten was possible during construction period.