

The former 'St. Vincenz hospital' is situated in the medieval town centre of Paderborn next to the western tributary of the Pader Springs. The hospital moved out in 2013 and the existing complex has been converted into a new headquarter for a family-run company designed by David Chipperfield Architects Berlin.

The existing ensemble originates from a former seventeenth century Capuchin monastery. The buildings, which were used as a hospital from 1841 onwards, were severely damaged during the Second World War. Subsequently, the complex underwent several changes and extensions through reconstruction and later modifications. The conversion for the Jacoby Studios involved the removal of the post-war additions, exposing the historic building fabric of the monastery once again. In particular, the chapel façade, the cloister, the east building wing and the seventeenth century cellar were preserved and restored, creating a picturesque ruin structure made of quarry-stone masonry with the former cloister at its heart. The complex of monastery and annexes is embedded into a garden designed by Wirtz International.

New extension wings, ranging from two to three-storeys, are arranged in accordance with the orthogonal structure to the north, west and south of the original buildings. Through the historic entrance gate and the former chapel, visitors access the entrance foyer.

Echoing the historic situation, the ensemble appears once again in the cityscape as a well-balanced composition of different volumes. In the urban landscape of the Pader Springs, the new complex has its own sense of identity, while maintaining historic continuity.

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Completion	2020
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Jacoby Studios Paderborn, Germany 2014–2020

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Client	Jacoby GbR represented by Ellen Jacoby, Franz Jacoby, Yvonne Jacoby
Architect	David Chipperfield Architects Berlin
Partners	David Chipperfield, Martin Reichert, Alexander Schwarz (Design lead)
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Landscape architect	Wirtz International nv, Schoten, Peter Wirtz, Jan Grauwels
Structural engineer	Gantert + Wiemeler Ingenieurplanung, Münster
Services engineer	Winkels Behrens Pospich Ingenieure für Haustechnik GmbH, Münster
Building physics, Acoustics	Hansen Ingenieure, Münster
Fire consultant	HHP West Beratende Ingenieure GmbH, Bielefeld
Lighting consultant	Arup Deutschland GmbH, Berlin