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1,037 Buildings

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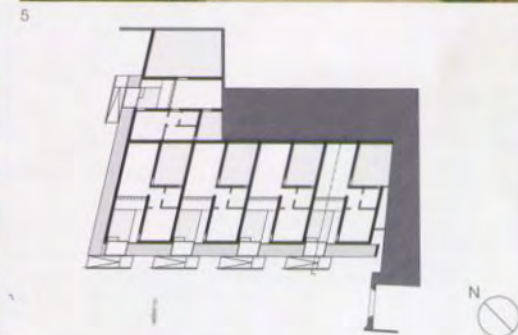
6 Geographical
Regions

89 Countries

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| 100 Europe/Plaza | 100 Culture |
| 100 School | 100 Museum |
| 100 Art Gallery | 100 House |
| 100 Warehouse | 100 Public Building |
| 100 Shopping Plaza | 100 Office Building |
| 100 Park Plaza | 100 Hotel |
| 100 Airport | 100 Stadium |
| 100 Government Building | 100 International Airport |



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| 0656 | Castenedolo, Italy | ALER Home for the Elderly | Botticini Architetti and Giorgio Goffi Architetti | 2005 RES | | |
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0656 This housing scheme for the elderly is situated just outside the historic centre of Castenedolo, a small town southwest of Brescia at the foot of the Alps. The prospect of a new road being built very close to the site led to an introverted plan without any windows towards the surroundings. The resulting design develops along an ancient stone wall belonging to a former palace on the site. The one-storey building offers five one-bedroom units providing high accessibility without steps or narrow corridors. Four units are attached to each other in one row while the fifth is placed at

a right angle following the L-shaped plot. All flats have trapezium-shaped plans with two patios each, placed diagonally at two corners. Almost half of the total floor space is occupied by these outdoor spaces, providing light, air and additional living space. Even the entrance doors, located under a wooden canopy stretching over the whole length of the building, lead to one of those courtyards. A glazed facade separates the outside from the main open-plan living room. Bedroom and bathroom, as well as the second patio, are in the other half of the trapezium shape. Both patios are accessible from the main

room, turning this space into the pivotal point of each flat. Terracotta colours integrate the new project into the surroundings and red brick is used for outside walls as well as the walls between the five units. Siberian larch wood covers canopies and small storage boxes which structure the long facade. Inside, white walls and wooden floors and ceilings create light and neutral interior living through the play of sunlight entering from the patios.

- 1 Southwest facade
- 2 Overall view of building showing roofing system
- 3 An internal courtyard
- 4 Patio seen from living room
- 5 Corner view of exterior
- 6 Ground-floor plan

Client
ALER Brescia
Area
900 m²/9,687 sq ft
Cost
€250,000
Coordinates
45.4653 10.2983