

Press release

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An open house for art and culture as an anchor for the neighbourhood.

Daegu Anchor Facility in Daegu, Republic of Korea, receives the Austrian Green Planet Building® (AGPB) Award.

With a careful renovation, architects Mladen Jadrić & Yoon GeunJu transformed a substandard residential building into an open house for culture and artists. The aim was to create an ‘anchor’ for the Suseong-gu district that promotes the structural and social environment of the neighbourhood and actively contributes to urban renewal.

The now open ground floor is accessible to the general public and can be used as a public space, with certain functions such as the library, e-charging stations, open-air cinema, tea room, etc. available for outdoor use. The renovation of the outer shell enables efficient insulation. An additional double skin made of easy-to-install and easy-to-maintain aluminium expanded metal panels covers the existing windows while allowing light and air to pass through. The resulting rear-ventilated double façade serves as sun protection, reduces direct solar gains and, thanks to the ventilated air layer, enables better heat dissipation in summer.

The Austrian Green Planet Building® (AGPB) Award focuses on energy efficiency and the supply of renewable energy. This transfers the objectives and criteria of the national climate protection initiative klimaaktiv for the construction and property industry to an international environment. AGPB honours the outstanding achievements of Austrian planning offices, consultants, construction companies and production companies abroad in the field of sustainable building.

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