

## Laudation for SummaCumFemmer

The young Leipzig architectural office SummaCumFemmer has consisted of the two founders and spouses Florian Summa and Anne Femmer since 2015. The oeuvre they have built so far is still small, but it has caused quite a stir. Their own house, a Wilhelminian ruin in Leipzig, is constantly being worked on, as far as the budget allows. The fact that the stairwell was relocated doesn't make it any easier. Their first house, House B, a kind of glass box under a simple, free-standing saddle roof construction from the agricultural utility building program was pragmatic, cool, cheeky and an aesthetic statement. After all, the debut was nominated for the Mies van der Rohe Prize.

The second building was already significantly larger, and the result of an unusual competition open even to young architects. Together with their colleague Juliane Greb from Geneva, they have built a very remarkable residential building in the Riem district of Munich, which can be interpreted as a signpost for future affordable and sustainable inner-city living for everyone and has received the DAM Prize 2022. The experiences of the two office owners in leading offices in Belgium and Zurich and as research associates at the ETH Zurich have left their mark. They already teach themselves, currently they share a chair in Graz, before they were in Munich. And together with fellow campaigner Juliane Greb and the magazine Arch+, they will surprise us next spring as curators for the German Pavilion at the Architecture Biennale in Venice. The concept of the curators focuses on three Ds - decarbonize, decolonize, deinstitutionalize - and thus takes up the essential concepts of the theory "The Laboratory of the Future" of the curator of the 18th Architecture Biennale, Lesley Lokko.

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