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Press release

### A gentle renovation

**Graber & Petter Architectes put emphasis on wood in the interior and exterior renovation of a detached house from the 1970's. Bauwerk Parkett's authentic wood parquet fits perfectly in the new residential gem.**



*It sits among the rich pastures and meadows at the foot of the Rochers de Naye, with a breath-taking view of the surrounding mountain ranges and Lake Geneva. The panorama of the gently rising Alpine foothills of Canton Vaud that can be viewed from the freshly renovated house is worthy of a painting. It is in this area blessed by nature where the architect firm Graber & Petter Architectes carried out a gentle, but thorough renovation of a two-storey building. According to the building's owner, in place its original 1970's charm, nowadays this residential gem provides a "simple, modern, but cosy mood in Nordic style". In this place, it is hard to decide whether to let your eyes wander into the picturesque distance, or to focus your attention on the high-quality details of the interior. The well-designed combination of the Villapark and Studiopark 1-strip planks with the Cleverpark long plank (all three of the parquet products were made by Swiss parquet manufacturer Bauwerk Parkett) in particular creates new and exciting perspectives for the indoor architecture.*

While the volume and shape of the detached house has only seen slight modifications, the architects' subtle

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and selective interventions enabled new room configurations within the existing reinforced concrete structures: "Our renovation used the essence of the existing rooms, reinterpreting some of their elements in order to reveal their functional and spatial features and to fully realise the potential of the building," clarified the architects Raphaël Graber and Yann Petter, describing their concept. They removed some of the walls on the lower floor to create a large living space for the house's residents, opening it up fully to the landscape outside.

The interior is now flooded with daylight, as the upper floor has seen a reconfiguration of its entrance area in order to create clearer structures. This direct-access upper floor, which also contains the bedrooms, was clad with vertical wooden planks. This wall covering tastefully integrates with the different openings in the walls and encompasses the existing balcony, making it feel like the deck of a ship, extending the interior spaces outdoors. "This creates the look of a wooden box sitting on top of a stone pedestal anchored to the slope," the two designers explained.

### **Natural wellness**

The 198-square-metre living space got the desired Nordic flair not only through white surfaces, but also, importantly, through consistent use of light-coloured wood: (built-in) oak furniture, window jambs and parquet floors contribute considerably to the impression of the rooms being flooded with light. Most importantly, the wooden floors create a natural atmosphere of wellness – as the building's owner emphasised: "Being a natural product, authentic wood parquet is not only very pleasant to walk on barefoot, but also creates warmth and balance in the rooms. We wanted sustainability and healthy living in our home, with a logical and simple flow to it. And the architects have created exactly that in a wonderful way."

### **Harmonious interplay**

One thing is clear: because of the different circumstances created by different spaces, every renovation project brings with it its own unique challenges. But regardless of the initial situation, parquet always delivers a precise solution: once the base for it is properly treated and prepared, Bauwerk's authentic-wood flooring can not only be easily installed on top of existing floor surfaces, but also does not reduce the height of the room, which is an important aspect, thanks to its low thickness. The parquet is also durable, long-lasting and easy to maintain, adding an aspect of sustainability to the building, and turning the floor into a lifelong companion.

The owners of the building at Lake Geneva also made use of the many positive features of parquet. In addition to its advantages during installation and the pleasant tactile experience it provides, the clever

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combination of two 1-strip plank products and a long-plank parquet made it possible to create a harmonious and uniform impression: while the bedroom has Studiopark parquet, the living and dining area was equipped with Villapark. Finally, the long-plank Cleverpark parquet was used on the stairs. The lively character of the wood, as well as the natural-oiled and brushed surfaces, were matched perfectly, making the floor a perfect backdrop for the idyllic view outside.

### **Details and facts**

Property owner: Private

Architecture: Graber & Petter Architectes Sàrl, Aigle (CH), [www.graberpetter.ch](http://www.graberpetter.ch)

Completed in: 2021

Floor installer: Page Christophe, Châtonnaye (CH)

Parquet: Oak Villapark, Studiopark, Cleverpark 1250, lively gradings, by Bauwerk Parkett

Photos: Lionel Henriod, Lausanne (CH), [www.lionelhenriod.ch](http://www.lionelhenriod.ch)

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1 While the overall shape of the two-storey building remained the same, it now has a new shell made from vertical wooden slats as part of an extensive renovation by Graber & Petter Architectes: this is intended to give the impression of a wooden box sitting on top of a pedestal anchored in the slope. Photo: Lionel Henriod

2 "The wooden cladding integrates the various openings in the walls – as well as the balcony, making it feel like the deck of a ship and an extension of the interior spaces," said the architects Raphaël Graber and Yann Petter, explaining their concept. Photo: Lionel Henriod

3 The breath-taking view of Lake Geneva and the Swiss Alps was not enough for the residents of this detached house: they wanted to introduce "Nordic, modern, simple, yet cosy ambiance" to its typical 1970's architecture. Photo: Lionel Henriod

4 White surfaces and light-coloured oak for (built-in) furniture, window jambs and floors give the 198-square-metre living space the desired Nordic character. The renovation also brought light to the stairwell, creating an optical effect going from the rear to the front of the house. Photo: Lionel Henriod

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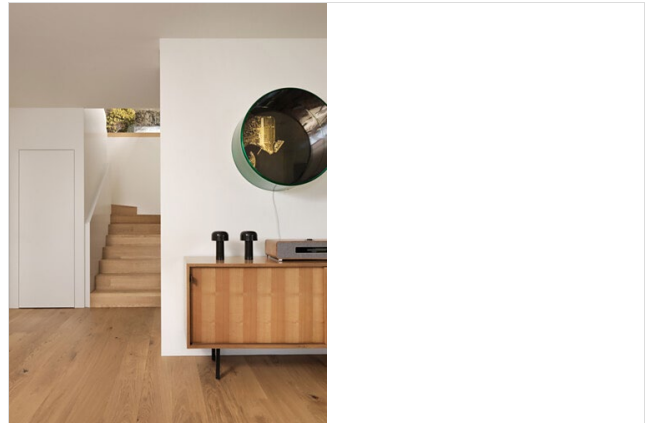
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5 Subtle and focused interventions made it possible to reinterpret the elements of the interior, emphasising what was already there, and opening up the different areas of the living space in order to completely unfold the building's potential. The resulting experience is that of spacious, flowing rooms that are open to the landscape. Photo: Lionel Henriod

6 The building's owners place high value on the natural atmosphere of wellness in the space: "Being a natural product, authentic wood parquet is not only very pleasant to walk on barefoot, but also creates warmth and balance in the rooms. We wanted sustainability and healthy living in our home, with a logical and simple flow to it." Photo: Lionel Henriod

7 Villapark one-strip planks by Bauwerk Parkett were used in the living/kitchen area. It impresses not only with the lively character of the wood, but also with its large format, at 2100 x 190 mm. Its standard brushing treatment also makes it feel pleasant to the touch. In combination with the wood used for the kitchen furniture, it delivers a harmonious overall image. Photo: Lionel Henriod

8 Parquet by Bauwerk Parkett offers many advantages for renovating living spaces: 2-layer parquet can often be installed on already existing flooring. Thanks to this parquet's slim profile, no valuable room height is lost. Photo: Lionel Henriod

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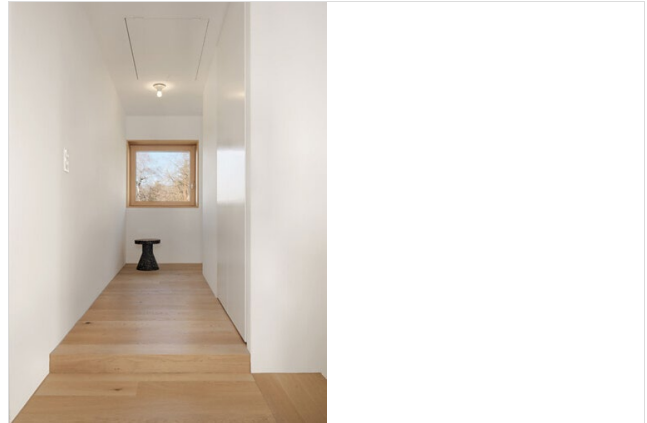
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### **About Bauwerk Parkett**

Bauwerk Parkett is a Swiss company with a long tradition of making parquet with reliability and precision, satisfying even the most demanding requirements. Bauwerk Parkett is proud of its origins, but also focuses on innovation. The company has undergone many changes in recent years, and is now treading a new path. Originally a technology and product-oriented enterprise, it has developed a market focus, working to promote such issues as healthy living, sustainability and design.

Bauwerk Parkett's range includes over 350 products, from 2- and 3-layer to solid wood parquet. More than 60% of all Bauwerk Parkett products are made in St Margrethen (Switzerland). Its parent company, Bauwerk Group, operates two additional factories in Europe (Lithuania and Croatia), and two production facilities in the US (Kentucky and Tennessee). In 2022, Bauwerk Group sold some 10 million square metres of parquet.

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