

Bruno Taut, Horseshoe Housing Estate in Berlin-Britz (built 1925-30)

Abstract

Built in collaboration with architect and Berlin building commissioner Martin Wagner, the Horseshoe [Hufeisen] Housing Estate in Berlin-Britz was one of Bruno Taut's greatest achievements. The estate consists of 1,027 residences, 472 of which are single family homes. The focal point of the estate is a horseshoe-shaped apartment building. Taut believed that the shape would allow all of the residents to enjoy sunlight, and that, moreover, it would also be suggestive of social equality and a sense of community. As in many of his other projects, Taut incorporated existing natural features and designed relatively large gardens and green spaces to create areas of calm between blocks of buildings.

Source



Source: Horseshoe housing estate in Berlin-Britz - aerial view, ca. 1930.

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