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Design is about Playing!



Preface by Gregory H. Graves, PLA, ASLA

Playgrounds have special meaning because they are the workplace for children. As Mr. Rogers said, “Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood.” This is a place where children develop physically, socially, and learn how to use their imagination. Sports fields are for playing specific games with pre-determined rules and spatial requirements. Playgrounds are for exploration and unregulated games, that can only be limited by one’s imagination. Playgrounds are for all ages, abilities, and stages of development. Also, vital life-coping skills may be acquired and practiced on a playground. Having these thoughts in mind and knowing the direct impact the end product will have on people, I feel a greater sense of responsibility about what I am doing. The playground is more than amusement for kids; it’s got to be a safe place for learning with lots of options and endless possibilities. That makes the planning and design of playgrounds special. It has much more meaning than just “fun.”

The challenges in playground design are about as numerous as the opportunities. One has to accommodate not only the physical and social needs of all the playground users, but also their safety as they participate. There are spectators to consider, play value and durability of equipment, maintenance limitations, and budget constraints. How do you provide the best combination of amenities with the most play value at the most reasonable cost? It becomes a true balancing act that must be skillfully executed. Some of the biggest unintended consequences of a poor design are mediocrity and lost chances for something great. The kids see it first, and those focused only on budgets wonder why no one comes, or why kids are so quickly bored.

Berliner seems to understand the importance of child development, and tries to provide a range of physical challenges that help children test their skills and build their confidence. They offer equipment that has lots of uses and encourages imagination and interaction. The limitations of use are left to the individual and not determined by a prescribed “you can only use this one way” approach. The designers and representatives are eager to help make my designing experience as easy yet informed as possible. They are always willing to look “outside the box” with me for something that will provide the “wow” factor I look for in each design, regardless of the size of the playground. They get it!

I love the way Berliner’s equipment is designed to give kids the choice of playing together or alone. The climbing structures are fantastic at this. The shapes and configurations are inspiring and let a child’s imagination run wild without heavy themes that sometimes limit and over-direct their creativity. Being able to combine pieces together with slides and bridges and connections really adds to the versatility of the equipment. And the nodes and nooks for children to pause and watch without leaving the action are great. There seems to be less abuse of how things are used because there are so many different options to consider first. Boredom is rarely seen. And the ability to customise a piece of equipment is priceless. Now as a designer I can dream and imagine before the kids do!

About

Gregory H. Graves, PLA, ASLA
Corporate Landscape Architect Group Lead, J-U-B ENGINEERS, Inc

Mr. Graves has over 33 years of experience as a landscape architect and been involved in the design of over 60 individual park and recreation projects, including playgrounds, sports fields, and associated amenities.

Thank you!

Every project, every playground – every “learning room” is something special for us! We try to create places where children enjoy moving, discovering things, taking “calculable risks” – and thus learning. Playgrounds should provide the possibility to develop on a physical and social level. The cooperation with architects and landscape architects is of great importance for us as a manufacturer.

We benefit from creative exchange – something unique arises. At the same time, our potential to find and implement custom-made solutions is fully exploited. We thank our customers for every project we have been involved in. We appreciate the work with you! Special thanks go out to the architects and landscape architects for their commentaries on their projects in this brochure!

Berliner Seilfabrik, November 2020

The Secret of the Balloon Városliget, Budapest (HUN)

“Liget Budapest” - that is the name of the largest and most ambitious urban culture development project so far in Europe, in which the symbolic and largest public park in Hungary’s capital was completely renovated. One of the most modern and varied playgrounds in Europe has been created on an area of 13,000 square metres in the south-eastern part of the park, which consists of a total of over 50 various play equipment. At the centre of this extraordinary playground, there is a hotair balloon (Custom-made) almost 12 metres in height, at the interior of which there is a huge spatial net. The ascent to the balloon’s basket takes place via rope ladders and climbing ropes, before the three-dimensional climbing net is accessed via ascent plateaus of varying heights.



Location

Budapest, Ajtósi Dürer sor 15, 1146 Hungary



Overall Playground Size in m²

13.000



Berliner Product Line

Custom-made, Greenville, Terranos & Terranova, HodgePodge, Urban Design



Client

Városliget Zrt.



Agency / Architect

GARTEN STUDIO LTD., 1114 Budapest,
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Planning Phase

07/2017 - 08/2018



Construction Phase

12/2018 - 06/2019







Architect's Commentary

"The surrounding in itself, in which the playground got implemented, is exquisite, with a well-developed mature population of trees. The main design aim was to let the surrounding nature predominate and choose play equipment that have a light see through character, without having focus on them. The playground also carries a theme with a content of historical and natural elements, that were once part of Városliget.

The playground has a main element which was inspired by Pál Szinyei Merse's painting: The Balloon. Adopting the famous Hungarian artwork with its playful theme brings children closer to appreciating artwork, and the aspects of nature through art in a playful way. The equipment also resembles a connection to the Museum of Fine Arts, found in the area of the park, that is current home of the painting."

(Gartenstudio Landscape Architects)



Tags
Movement, Climbing, Nature



Architect's Favourite
"Our favourite play area is the complex climbing equipment and it's surroundings, with the balloon play, as it has a specific feeling."

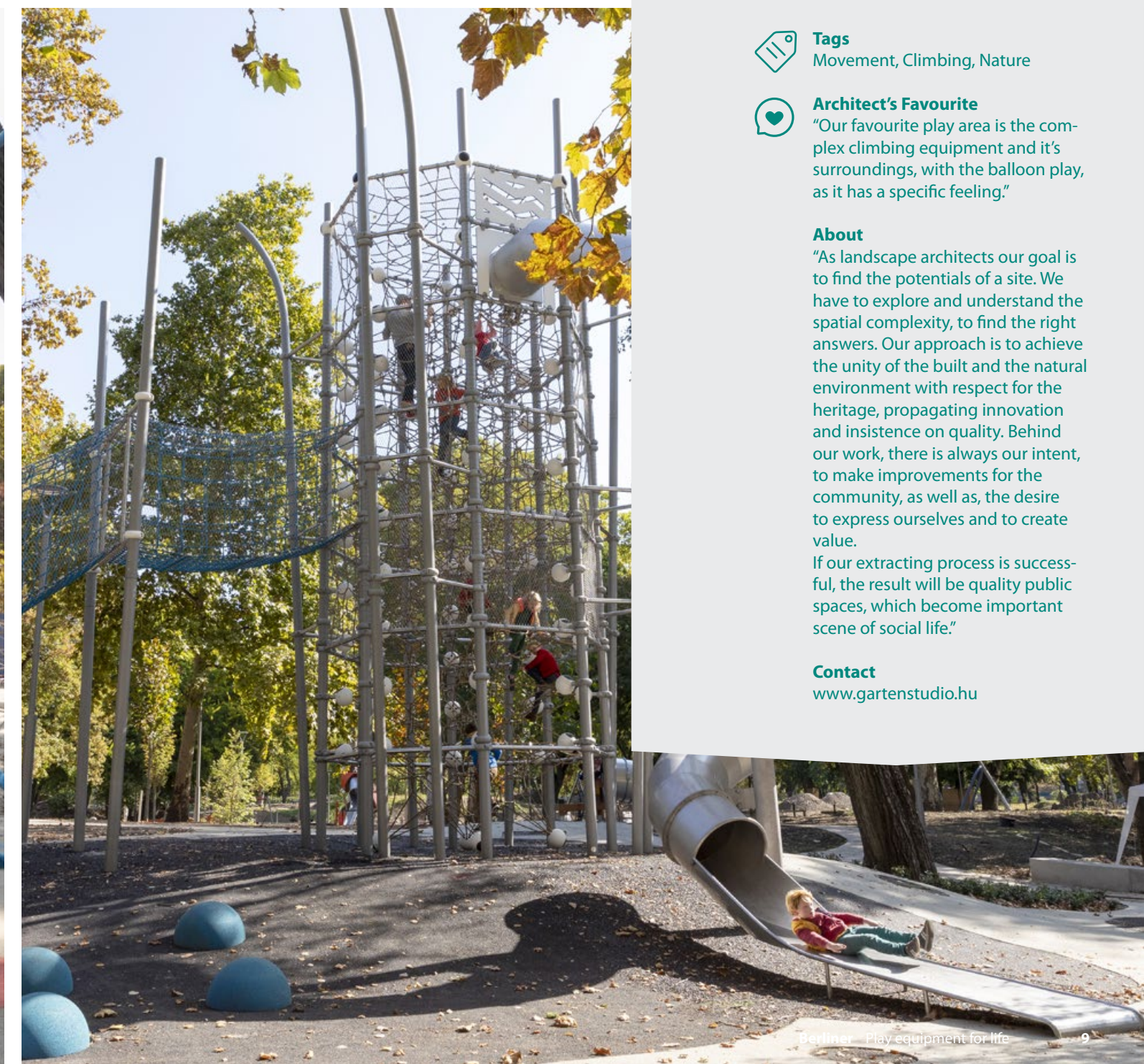
About

"As landscape architects our goal is to find the potentials of a site. We have to explore and understand the spatial complexity, to find the right answers. Our approach is to achieve the unity of the built and the natural environment with respect for the heritage, propagating innovation and insistence on quality. Behind our work, there is always our intent, to make improvements for the community, as well as, the desire to express ourselves and to create value.

If our extracting process is successful, the result will be quality public spaces, which become important scene of social life."

Contact

www.gartenstudio.hu



Climbing inside a Bottle Tree! **Bim'bibba Park and Playground, Gainsborough Greens (AUS)**

Bim'bibba Park and Playground is the final jewel in the crown of the Mirvac Masterplanned community Gainsborough Greens. The Park has always been planned as the central "Hub" or beating heart of the community connecting a network of open space within series of residential islands located around the Gainsborough Greens Golf Course and environmental reserves. In the center of the playground an over 14 meter high climbing tower (Custom-made) in the shape of an Australian bottle tree has been installed. The tower is equipped with two different slides and a huge spatial net inside. A long net tunnel, that is fixed between a total of 20 partly inclined posts, runs in the form of a wide curve rising from the ground to a height of 31 metres and is directly connected to the tower (Custom-made). For users who prefer climbing close to the ground, a varied low rope course (Terranos & Terranova) that is attractive for different age groups enriches the playground.



Location

Gainsborough Greens, Queensland, Australia



Berliner Product Line

Custom-made, Terranos & Terranova, Urban Design



Client

Mirvac Residential



Agency / Architect

Form Landscape Architects
900 Ann Street, Trinity Lane via Church Street
Fortitude Valley QLD 4006



Planning Phase

From spring 2017



Construction Phase

Until end of 2019



"The inspiration for the park was to continue a common thread of nature-based elements and play embracing the raw and natural beauty while championing the local awareness of ecology and sustainability initiatives within an inspiring play and community space. Community engagement and collaboration with a multidisciplinary team were critical in achieving what we believe is an exceptional park and playground experience.


- The vision included a number of key initiatives:
- To provide a clear and enticing arrival experience.
 - To define a unique/bespoke landscape response that embraces the natural essence of the site.
 - To provide and celebrate the final missing piece to the open space network of Gainsborough Greens
 - To compose a series of engaging spaces that provide opportunities for all group sizes, ages and abilities.
 - To encourage stewardship through integrated sustainability initiatives and community engagement."
- (Matt Franzmann, Principal Managing Director, Form Landscape Architects)

About
Form Landscape Architects strive to exceed expectations by creating inspirational spaces and places for its people and communities, in order for them to thrive together into the future.

Contact
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Break Time in Motion!
**Freiham Educational
Campus, Munich (GER)**

The Freiham educational campus, situated in the west of Munich, which was completed in September 2019 is one of the largest school sites ever built in the Bavarian capital. To provide physical activity during school breaks the architects decided to install a Shout structure (Twist & Shout), which is directly connected to the rock-climbing wall on the school playground of the primary school. On the schoolyard of the special school a low rope course consisting of eight different climbing elements (Terranos & Terranova) was installed.


 **Location**
Bodenseestraße 400, 81249 Munich, Germany

 **Overall Playground Size in m²**
450

 **Berliner Product Line**
Custom-made, Twist & Shout, Terranos & Terranova

 **Client**
Landeshauptstadt München, Baureferat und Landes-
hauptstadt München, Referat für Sport und Bildung

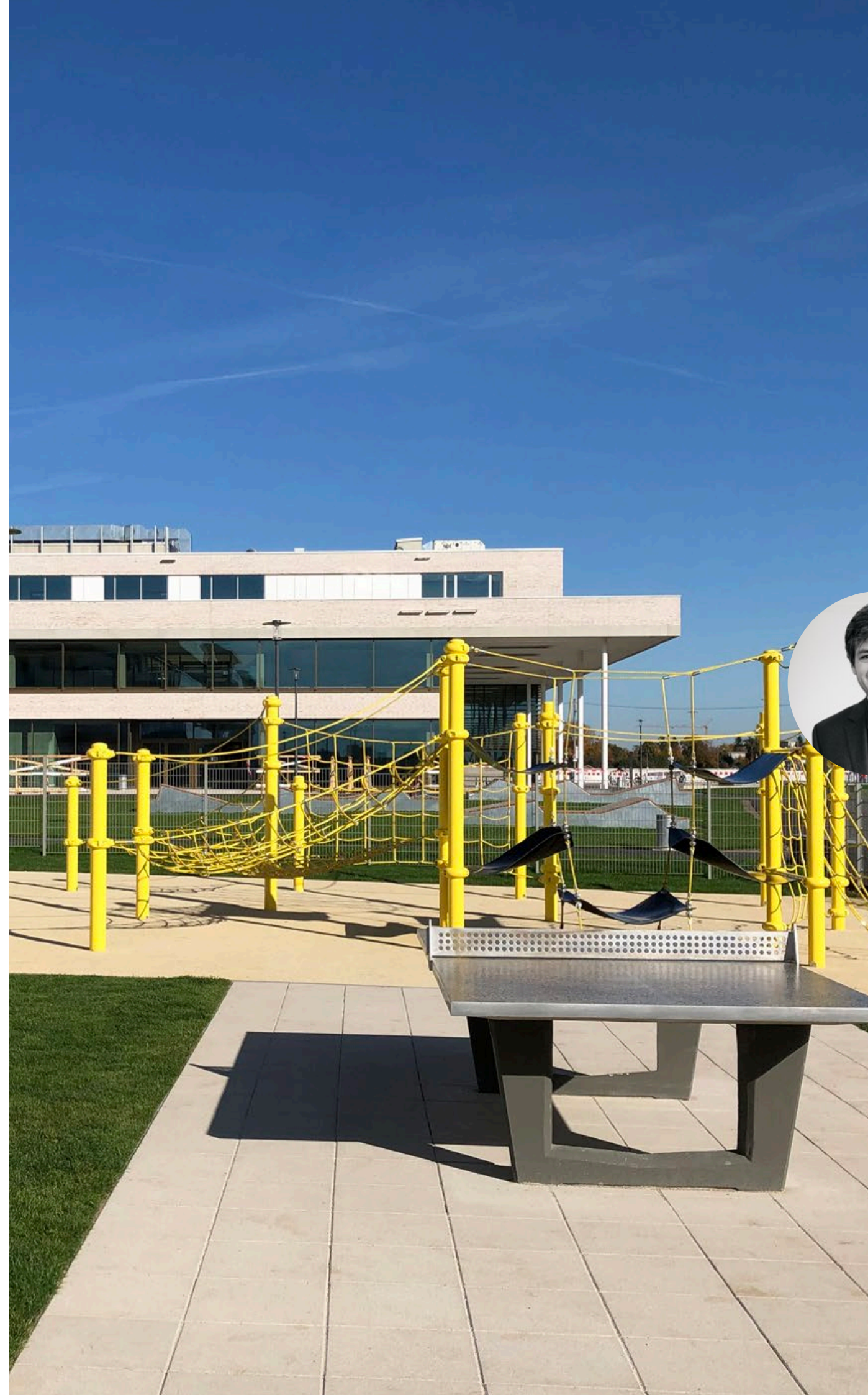
 **Agency / Architect**
Keller Damm Kollegen GmbH
Landschaftsarchitekten Stadtplaner
Prof. Regine Keller, Franz Damm
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 **Planning Phase**
05/2015 - 09/2018

 **Construction Phase**
09/2018 - 09/2019

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Architect's Commentary

"The aim was to connect and interweave the outside facilities of the schools and the central public park so that they can be used by everyone. They are only separated where absolutely necessary. For example, the outdoor facilities of the elementary and special school, are separated from the park by a shrub plantation and the integrated fence.

In the playground of the elementary school we used a necessary noise barrier to set up a climbing wall and linked it to an organically shaped pipe and climbing net structure which is based on it. This created a flowing transition between the two elements. With net swings, net funnels, climbing ropes, climbing plates and rubber membranes, primary school children can try out new elements again and again, depending on their (adventure) desire.

For the area of the special school, we have designed a low-rope course in a similar design language. Eight different climbing elements enable many students with special needs, who are at different developmental stages, to do climbing exercises of varying difficulty at the same time. With their imagination, they determine how challenging they use the rope course and can always choose new entrances and routes."

(Franz Damm, Keller Damm Kollegen GmbH)



Tags

Diverse, Aesthetically, Challenging



Architect's Favourite

"The climbing structure in combination with the directly connected noise protection and climbing wall. It is very versatile and can be used without any preconditions and transforms a necessary dominant element into a multi-useful object."

About

"Our planning approach is determined by contextual design. This means that when planning, we respond very specifically to the particular conditions of the site as well as existing and future uses. Whether it is a master plan on an urban scale, the design of a public park or a narrowly defined individual plot of land. The demands of the future users and the consideration of ecological interrelationships are very important in order to create open spaces that can be used in a diverse and lasting manner."

Contact

www.keller-damm-kollegen.com

Climbing along the Treetops! Nygårdsparken in Bergen (NOR)

Nygårdsparken – this is the name of the biggest public park in Bergen, Norway. Here, a total of 13 different climbing towers are connected via net tunnels and form a contiguous climbing landscape (Custom-made) that winds up over 60 metres the tree-covered slope. The entry towers are located at the lower and upper end as well as halfway up the structure and can be reached via climbing ropes, ladders and net plates. To provide more of a challenge, some of the net tunnels inside are equipped with different obstacles.



Location
5006 Bergen, Norway



Berliner Product Line
Custom-made



Client
City of Bergen, Norway



Planning Phase
From spring 2018



Construction Phase
Until Spring 2020



Chicago's Green Play Space!

Prairie District Park, Chicago (USA)

The urban playground in Chicago's Prairie District Park encompasses the tree house Trii3 that is connected to a Peak (Greenville) via a low-rope-course from Terranos & Terranova. The play area is rounded off by a combination of two playhouses for the youngest (Spooky Rookies), a carousel (URBAN DESIGN), and a nest swing (HodgePodge).



Location
2051 S Prairie Ave., Chicago IL 60616, USA



Berliner Product Line
Greenville, Terranos & Terranova, URBAN DESIGN,
Spooky Rookies



Client
MPEA (Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority)



Agency / Architect
site design group, ltd.
Masterplan: TGDA (Terry Guen Design Associates)



Planning Phase
2015/04 – 2016/09



Construction Phase
2016/09 – 2017/07


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Architect's Commentary

"Surrounded by native plants, locally-sourced limestone outcropping boulders, and nature-inspired play pieces, the playground aimed to create an urban treehouse aesthetic, inspired by Swiss Family Robinson."
(Hana Ishikawa, Design Principal, Site Design Group)

 **Tags**
Treehouse, Nature inspired,
Elevated (on Stilts)

 **Architect's Favourite**
Greenville


Contact
www.tgda.net
www.site-design.com




An Activity Landscape on a Car Park Roof!

Park'n'Play, Konditaget Lüders, Copenhagen (DK)

Surrounded by the harbor scenery of Copenhagen, this breath-taking playground is located almost 24 m above sea level on the roof of a multi-story parking garage, thus setting new standards in understanding the design of public spaces. The highlight of this structure is the nearly 8m tall climbing pyramid (Custom-made).

 **Location**
Nordhavn, Copenhagen, Denmark


 **Overall Playground Size in m²**
2.400

 **Berliner Product Line**
Custom-made

 **Client**
By & Havn

 **Agency / Architect**
JAJA Architects ApS,
Kathrin Susanna Gimmel, Architect + Partner

 **Planning Phase**
2014

 **Construction Phase**
2015 – 2016

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Architect's Commentary

"Konditaget Lüders aka. "PARK'N'PLAY" is a hybrid structure between parking house and playground. It rethinks the monofunctional parking house and transforms what is often an infrastructural necessity into a public amenity 24m above ground."
(Kathrin Susanna Gimmel, JaJa Architects ApS)



Tags
Play, Hang-out, Exercise

Architect's Favourite
The Trampoline Ring. Jumping from one trampoline to another with a view over the city is great fun and exercise.

About
"Working across scale and traditional boundaries, JAJA strives to create architecture, landscape, and urban planning from a holistic perspective. We aim to make each intervention a distinct, yet natural part of its environment, to create a dialogue between the project and the inherent qualities of the location. We believe that projects with strong roots in their physical environment create greater experiences and added value, not only to the project but also to the surrounding community."

Contact
www.ja-ja.dk



Break Time on the Rooftop! School Playground, Klosters (CH)

This low rope course, both visually and functionally fits perfectly into the schoolyard of the school in Klosters. A total of 16 different climbing elements are connected to each other on the roof of the new gymnasium and can be climbed through by many students at the same time. In addition to various rope elements (Terranos & Terranova), a hammock, two horizontal bars (both HodgePodge) at different heights, and a banister have been installed.



Location

Landstrasse 150 b, 7250 Klosters, Switzerland



Overall Playground Size in m²

600



Berliner Product Line

Terranos & Terranova, HodgePodge



Client

Gemeinde Klosters-Serneus, CH-7250 Klosters



Agency / Architect

Daniel Wegmüller, Landschaftsarchitekt FH/BSLA,
Planungsbüro Wegmüller



Planning Phase

09/2016 - 06/2017



Construction Phase

07/2017 - 07/2019



Architect's Commentary

"The aim was to create a movement landscape that could be used all year round, even when it is snowing, so that the children can play and move during break time.

Due to the high volume of children the play and recreation areas had to be very robust in order to withstand the high load of users.

The rope landscape enables both boys and girls to actively take breaks.

These encounters outside the class room promote the acquisition of self-organised social and emotional skills. The main challenge was to install the structure on the roof without deep concrete foundations."

(Daniel Wegmüller)



Tags

Exercise break, Year-round use,
For boys and girls



Architect's Favourite

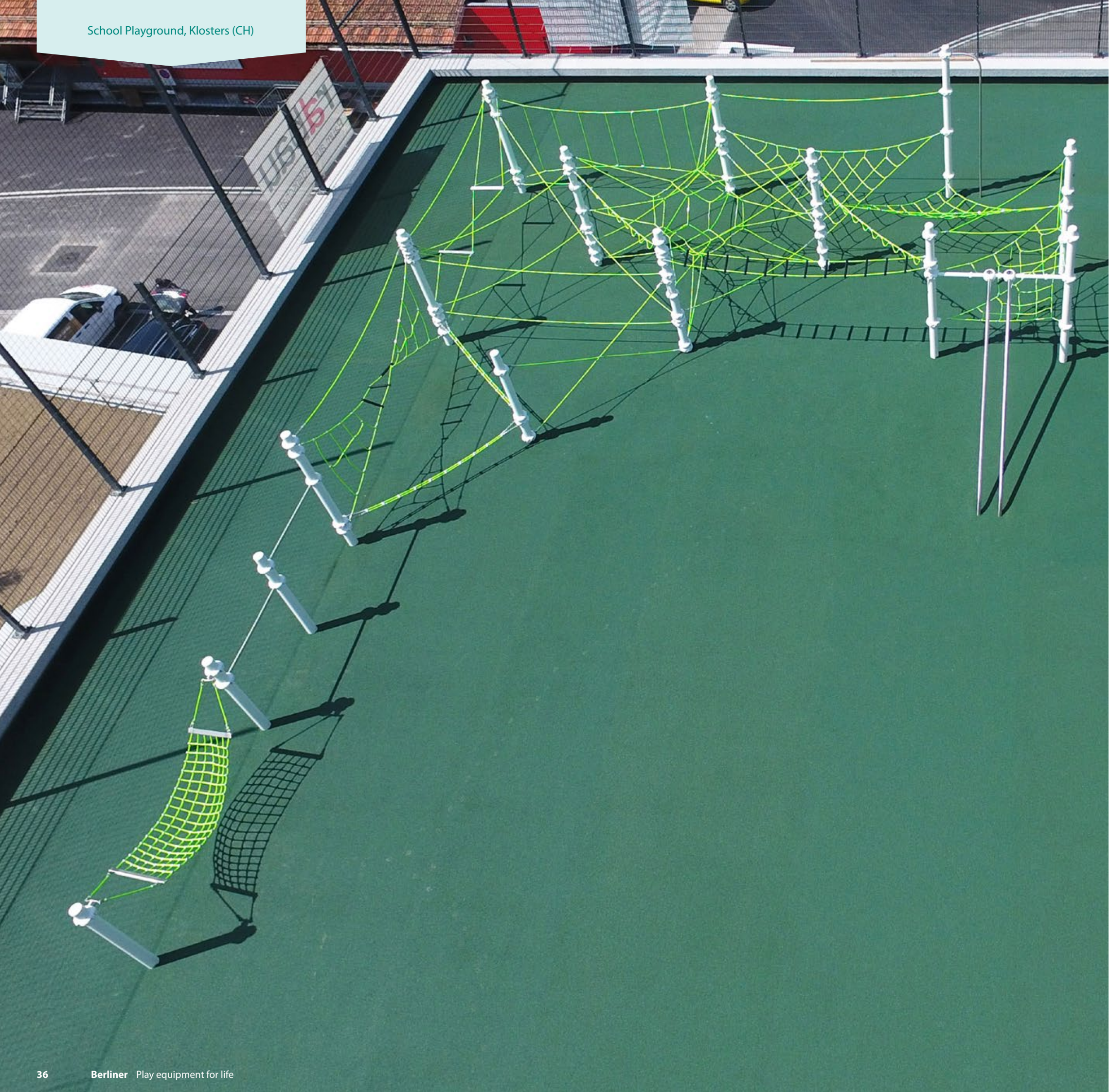
"The entire combination of play equipment used is to be regarded as whole, and is thus used as such."

About

"Our planning office designs and plans open spaces in communities and landscapes individually. We are experts in planning of sports and leisure facilities, worlds of movement, but also in the development and implementation of themed play-grounds for all age groups."








Contact

www.d-wegmueller.ch



Another Mountain for Utah! Neptune Park, Utah (USA)

The centerpiece of this playground, a 9 m tall climbing structure (Neptun XXL) offers unlimited play and climbing opportunities – up, down, side-to-side – that are challenging for all ages – from young children, to teens and adults alike. With its impressive mass and stature, this play structure fits perfectly into the backdrop of the surrounding mountains.

-  **Location**
Neptune Park, 452 W. 400 N., Saratoga Springs, UT 84045
-  **Overall Playground Size in m²**
1.534
-  **Berliner Product Line**
Univers, URBAND DESIGN
-  **Client**
City of Saratoga Springs
-  **Agency / Architect**
J-U-B ENGINEERS, Inc., Gregory H. Graves, PLA
-  **Planning Phase**
2010/07 – 2011/05
-  **Construction Phase**
2011/06 – 2012/09




Architect's Commentary

"Neptune Park is a 10-acre neighborhood park with a wonderfully diverse destination playground, community stage and gathering areas, and sports fields. The significance of this park is how representative of the City it has become. It's a place they all know and enjoy, and where they can feel inspired, safe, and comfortable enough to be themselves. It makes a difference in the quality of life there."
(Gregory H. Graves, PLA, J-U-B ENGINEERS)



 **Tags**
Unique, Fun, Iconic


 **Architect's Favourite**
"The favourite play piece for me and almost everyone who goes to the park is the Neptune XXL. It's truly unequaled in play value, physical challenge at all age levels, and enticing appearance."

About
"I believe in creating places that make a difference in people's lives. I believe that everyone deserves places to go where they feel inspired, safe and comfortable; where they can experience life through sights, sounds, touches, smells, and tastes that result in personal emotional experiences and life-long memories."

Contact
www.webjub.com

A Place full of Adventures!
**Backyards Linear Park,
Rancho Mission Viejo (USA)**


The Backyard at Esencia extends far beyond any private yard, offering numerous options for play and socialising. The adventure playground harmonises well with the location’s topography. A Terranos low-rope course invites to follow the path up a Trii connecting with a PentaBoo and a DoubleBoo (Greenville). Once one is tired of climbing, the O’Tannebaum (HodgePodge) provides endless spinning in circles.

 **Location**
Northwalk Neighborhood, Village of Esencia, Rancho Mission Viejo, CA, USA

 **Berliner Product Line**
Greenville, HodgePodge, Terranos & Terranova, Custom-made

 **Client**
Rancho Mission Viejo Company

 **Agency / Architect**
Land Concern / LA Design
Team: Lindsey Givens, Jill Sweeney, Akin Smith

 **Planning Phase**
2016/09 – 2017/03

 **Construction Phase**
2017/06 – 2018/05



"Multi-story tree houses connected by high-flying catwalks and cascading nets set the scene for this bold playground and its spinning, balancing, climbing and sliding adventures. It was a pleasure working with Berliner to develop this thrilling project to provide residents with a place for adventure and fun."
(Lindsey Givens, Land Concern)



Tags
Adventure, Challenge, Thrill

Architect's Favourite
The PentaBoo

Contact
www.landconcern.com





Playing in the Heart of urban Mexico City!

Parque La Mexicana, Mexico City (MEX)

With its breathtaking surroundings of state-of-the-art skyscrapers and rocky escarpments, park and residential estate covers an area of 280.000 m². The newly created park has two play areas in which children and young people can find a variety of play equipment. Besides several swings and a turning play point made of rope (both HodgePodge), children can climb up to heights of over seven metres in the spatial net of the middle mast structure Pentagode (Polygodes). In close proximity a low rope course (Terranos & Terranova) made from different bridge elements passes over a modelled hilly landscape and a Speedway (HodgePodge) offers plenty of fun. In the second area a rope play house Bam (Greenville) invites users to climb and play hide-and-seek and the play sculpture Twist (Twist & Shout) wiggles across the grass sinuous as a snake. This area is rounded off by the double nest swing Double Cloud 9 (HodgePodge).



Location

Lomas de Santa Fe, Contadero, Cuajimalpa de Morelos, 01219 Álvaro Obregón, Mexico City, Mexico



Overall Playground Size in m²

Zone 1: 8.967 | Zone 2: 9.204



Berliner Product Line

Greenville, HodgePodge, Twist & Shout, Polygodes, Terranos & Terranova



Client

Grupo Danhos



Agency / Architect

Grupo de Diseño Urbano
Fernando Montes de Oca 4 Condesa, Mexico City C.P. 06140



Planning Phase

01/2016 - 06/2017

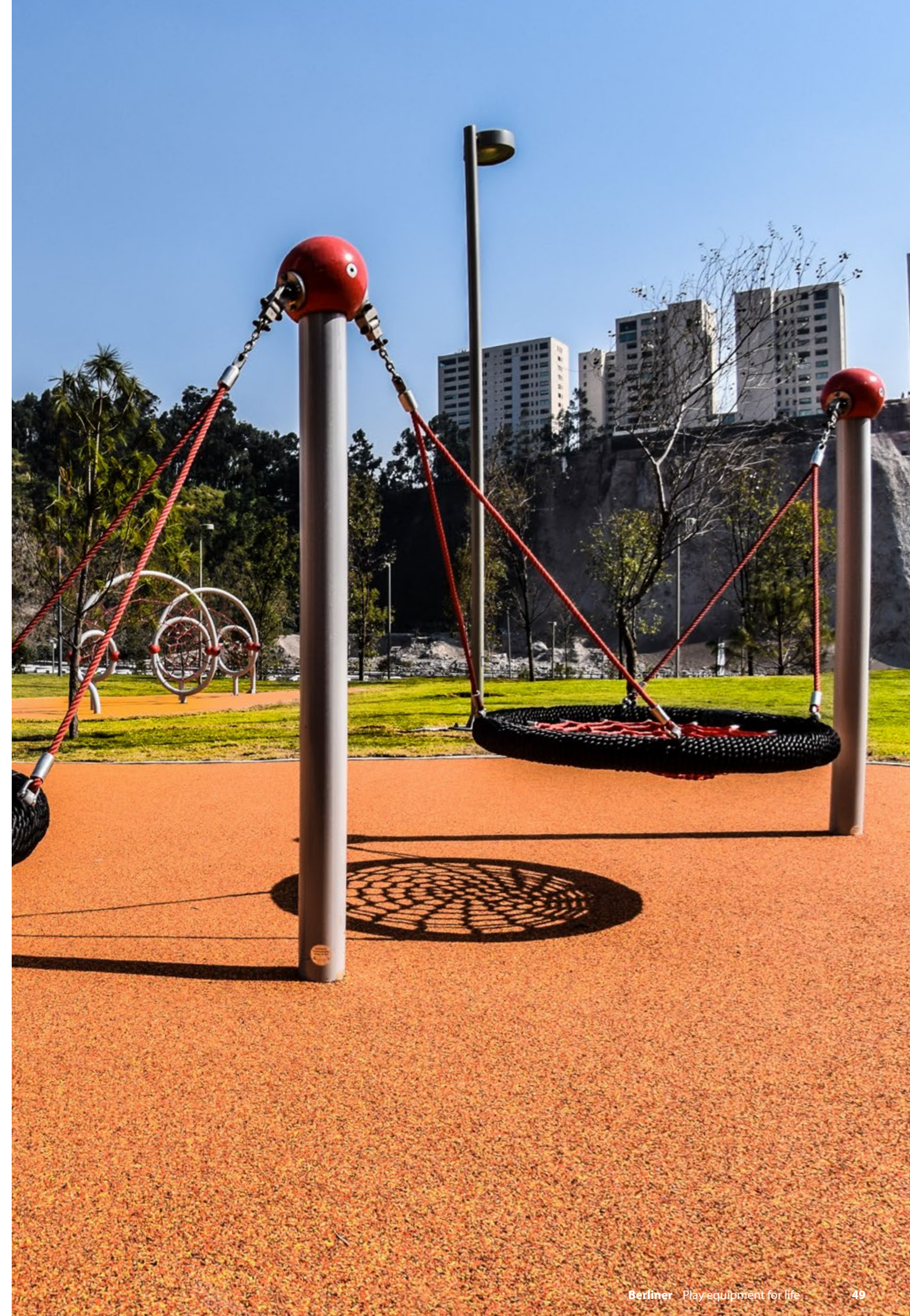
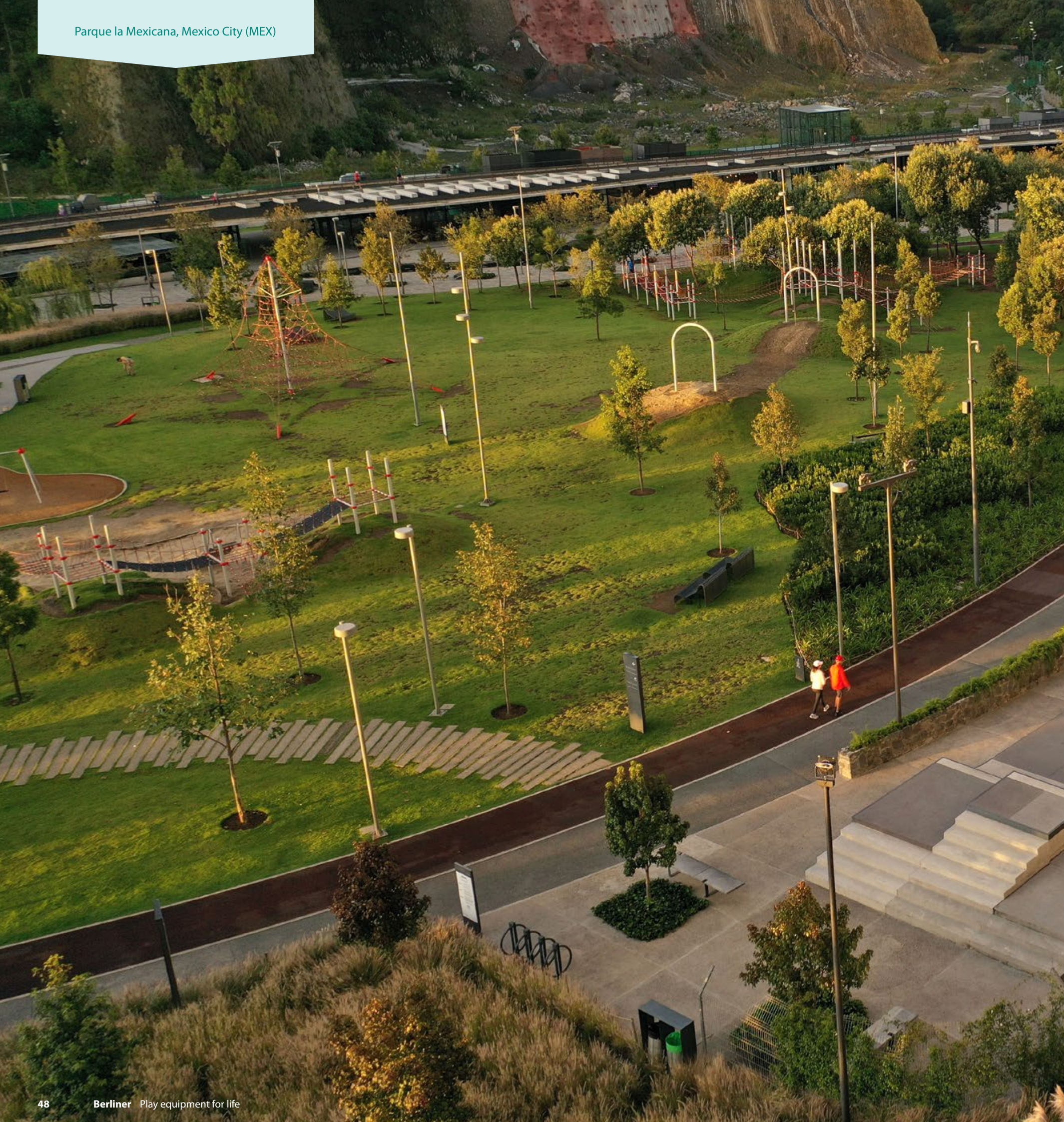


Construction Phase

01/2017 - 11/2017

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Architect's Commentary

"Located in an old quarry of sand, gravel and stone in the western hills and the outskirts of the metropolitan area of Mexico City. In La Mexicana Park the soil is remedied, rainwater is stored and the topography is sculpted to create a new forest, aquatic and green, cheerful and community park in a dense urban context that lacks green areas and public spaces. The park has two children's play areas where special games were designed that integrate with nature, between walkways, slides, zip lines, and rope games, families spend hours of fun. The park presents new ways of developing open spaces and community maintenance, and attracts a diverse population through a high quality design." (Mario Schjetnan, GDU)

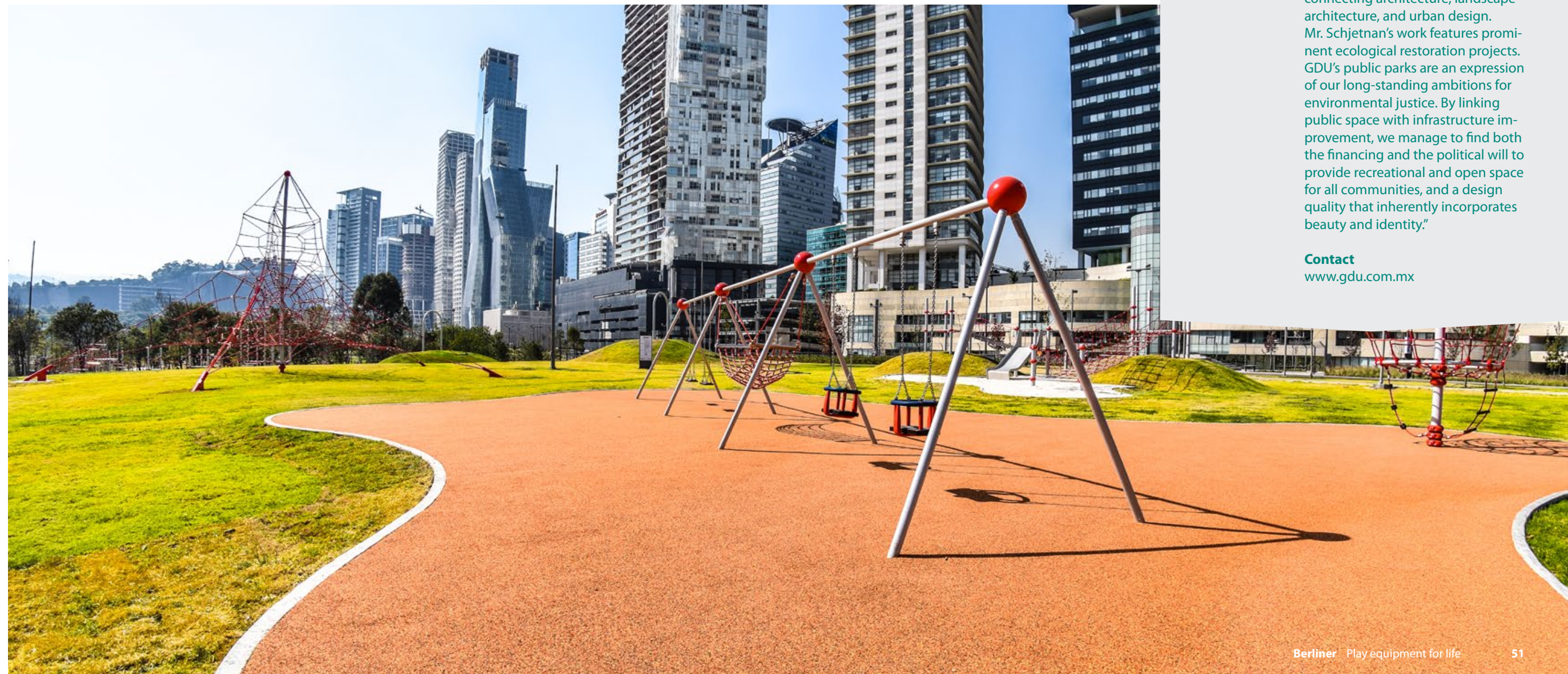


Tags
Creativity, Identity, Fun

Architect's Favourite
"The Speedway because it is innovative in this spaces and attracts users of all ages."

About
"GDU specializes in integrated concepts of environmental design, connecting architecture, landscape architecture, and urban design. Mr. Schjetnan's work features prominent ecological restoration projects. GDU's public parks are an expression of our long-standing ambitions for environmental justice. By linking public space with infrastructure improvement, we manage to find both the financing and the political will to provide recreational and open space for all communities, and a design quality that inherently incorporates beauty and identity."


Contact
www.gdu.com.mx




A new Highlight
for Families in Brisbane!
**Roma Street Parkland,
Brisbane (AUS)**

The play equipment of this new adventure playground perfectly complements the park's natural topography, stretching across its crater-like valley on varying levels. Erected at different heights, three Greenville tree houses (Trii) are interconnected via bridges and a net tunnel, which enables them to be accessed one after another, in seamless succession.

 **Location**
1 Parkland Blvd, Brisbane City QLD 4000, Australia

 **Overall Playground Size in m²**
400

 **Berliner Product Line**
Greenville, Terranos & Terranova, URBAN DESIGN,
Custom-made

 **Agency / Architect**
JFP Urban Consultants,
Kristine Hiley, Sr. Landscape Architect


 **Planning Phase**
2015/10 – 2016/09

 **Construction Phase**
2017/08 – 2017/11

Architect's Commentary

"The Roma Street Parklands Children's Garden & Playground is a place of discovery, adventure and fun underpinned by a horticultural theme and set within a lush subtropical park."

(Kristine Hiley, Sr. Landscape Architect,
JFP Urban Consultants)

 **Tags**
Discovery, Adventure, Subtropical

 **Architect's Favourite**
The linked Trii Towers – getting children up in the canopies of the surrounding Fig Trees.

About
JFP is a multi-disciplinary urban consulting practice with a history of over 75 years of continuous contribution to the development of the urban environment. JFP continues to demonstrate its strengths today in the design and delivery of a diverse range of urban projects; from public realm, commercial, industrial, residential, retail, leisure and mixed-use projects to major infrastructure projects.

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Wiesbaden's big Adventure Playground!

Am Parkfeld, Wiesbaden (GER)


The DNA Towers (Univers) at the new playground "Am Parkfeld" in Wiesbaden have a height of almost seven metres and are equipped with a spatial net inside. At the Speedway (Hodge-Podge) right next to it, children can whizz 27 metres through the air and a low rope course (Terranos & Terranova) leads directly to the Disk L (URBAN DESIGN). In order to meet the children's need for swinging, a triple version of the Berliner Face-to-Face Swing (URBAN DESIGN) and two Elbow Swings (HodgePodge) were installed.

 **Location**
Albert-Schweitzer-Allee, 65203 Wiesbaden, Germany

 **Overall Playground Size in m²**
2.300

 **Berliner Product Line**
Univers, HodgePodge, URBAN DESIGN

 **Client**
Grünflächenamt der Landeshauptstadt Wiesbaden

 **Agency / Architect**
Dipl.-Ing. Eva Gerhold, Landeshauptstadt Wiesbaden / Grünflächenamt / Sachgebiet Planung

 **Planning Phase**
11/2018 - 05/2019

 **Construction Phase**
05/2019 - 07/2019





Architect's Commentary

"The leisure facility "Am Parkfeld" was to be given a fresh, innovative face which children in particular could identify with. The design of the DNA Tower with its twisted steel tubes in combination with the climbing net fit very well.

The towers are identity-forming and at the same time a climbing and communication space for the children. The fresh green of the steel tubes blends in harmoniously with the trees of the playground area. The users of this place are children from the neighbourhood, who were also included in the planning."

(Dipl.-Ing. Eva Gerhold)



Tags

Innovative, Versatile, All ages



Architect's Favourite

The area of the DNA Tower-Combination

About


Among other things, the Parks Department of the City of Wiesbaden stands for a family-friendly community. In efforts to make children feel safe and comfortable in the city, the department is upgrading, renovating, or even completely redesigning the approximately 155 children's playgrounds continuously with considerable financial resources. The children's needs and wishes are incorporated in the planning phase, therefore transforming the neighbourhood playground into their own space.



Playing on the Roof!

Bryga, Helsinki (FIN)


Bryga is a public rooftop park located on the roof of the shopping centre Redi in Kalasatama, Helsinki. The Highlight is a playground consisting of a varied low rope course (Terranos & Terranova). Climbing nets in different shapes and angles as well as several bridge elements made of rope and rubber membranes are combined in such a way that the climbing landscape can be climbed through in one piece and is attractive for different age groups.

 **Location**
Englantilaisaukio 4, 00540 Helsinki, Finland

 **Overall Playground Size in m²**
600

 **Berliner Product Line**
Terranos & Terranova

 **Client**
SRV Construction Ltd

 **Agency / Architect**
Krista Muurinen
Maisema-arkkitehtitoimisto Maanlumo Oy / Landscape architecture office Maanlumo Ltd.

 **Planning Phase**
01/2014 - 09/2018

 **Construction Phase**
01/2018 - 09/2018

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Architect's Commentary

"Surrounded by the high-rise buildings the park provides a human scale and the natural shapes of the park softens the hard environment. Bryga enriches the local environment and provides a place for urban culture to grow.

The concept of Bryga is based on the landscape and nature of Helsinki archipelago and the harbor history of the area. The building of Redi is seen as an island. The imaginary sea water flows through the park between the rocks and vegetation shaping the terrain and creating the meandering pathways of Bryga. The materials, vegetation and structures follow the same theme highlighting the shapes and spaces of the park.

The playground is a popular attraction for the new growing neighborhood. It provides easily accessible activities for different age groups. The fishing net goes well with the theme of the park and provides opportunities for kids to play and adults to hang out."

(Krista Muurinen, Maanlumo Ltd)



Tags
Unique, Aesthetically, Versatile



Architect's Favourite
"Custom-made terrano-net is my favourite because it can be used in so many different ways."

About
"Maanlumo is a team of specialists with an equally strong interest in space and place. The name of agency (freely translated as "charm of the land") refers to being enchanted by the land and place itself: its past, present and future. By exploring the layers of the landscape we form our vision for the place. Our working methods are analytic, comprehensive and concept based. We always create an artistic concept for the projects and focus on the land itself, its form and functions. We are specialised in urban environments. We enjoy working with cross-scale multidisciplinary projects."

Contact
www.maanlumo.fi

Play right outside your
Front Door!

Playground for the Housing Association HOWOGE, Berlin (GER)

In the course of the periodic restoration of the facade of a residential block with 422 apartments in the Berlin district of Hohenschönhausen, a diverse children's playground was created in the inner courtyard of the building complex. In the centre of the toddler area is the playhouse Roo M.03, equipped with mud tables, an ascent ramp and a toddler slide (Spooky Rookies). For older children, the combination of Woodville's wooden playhouses offers plenty of room for movement and retreat. The double swing Swingo 2.4 and the seesaw Abakus complete the playground (URBAN DESIGN).



Location

Dierhagener Str. 5, 13051 Berlin, Germany



Overall Playground Size in m²

700



Berliner Product Line

URBAN DESIGN, Spooky Rookies, Woodville



Client

HOWOGE Wohnungsbaugesellschaft mbH, Berlin



Agency / Architect

HOWOGE Wohnungsbaugesellschaft mbH
Technisches Management
Dipl.-Ing. Oliver Pohlann, Landschaftsarchitekt DGGL



Planning Phase

10/2017 - 01/2018



Construction Phase

04/2018 - 07/2018





Architect's Commentary

"The aim was to give an aging housing estate – in addition to the colourful redesign of the surrounding buildings – a diverse range of play and recreational activities for as many age groups as possible. The main focus was to design an interesting, colour-accentuated play area, in order to appeal primarily to children, but also to give the entire residential complex a modern, colourful character. Since the courtyard is open to the public, groups of children come to visit and try out the facilities." (Dipl.-Ing. Oliver Pohlann)



Architect's Favourite

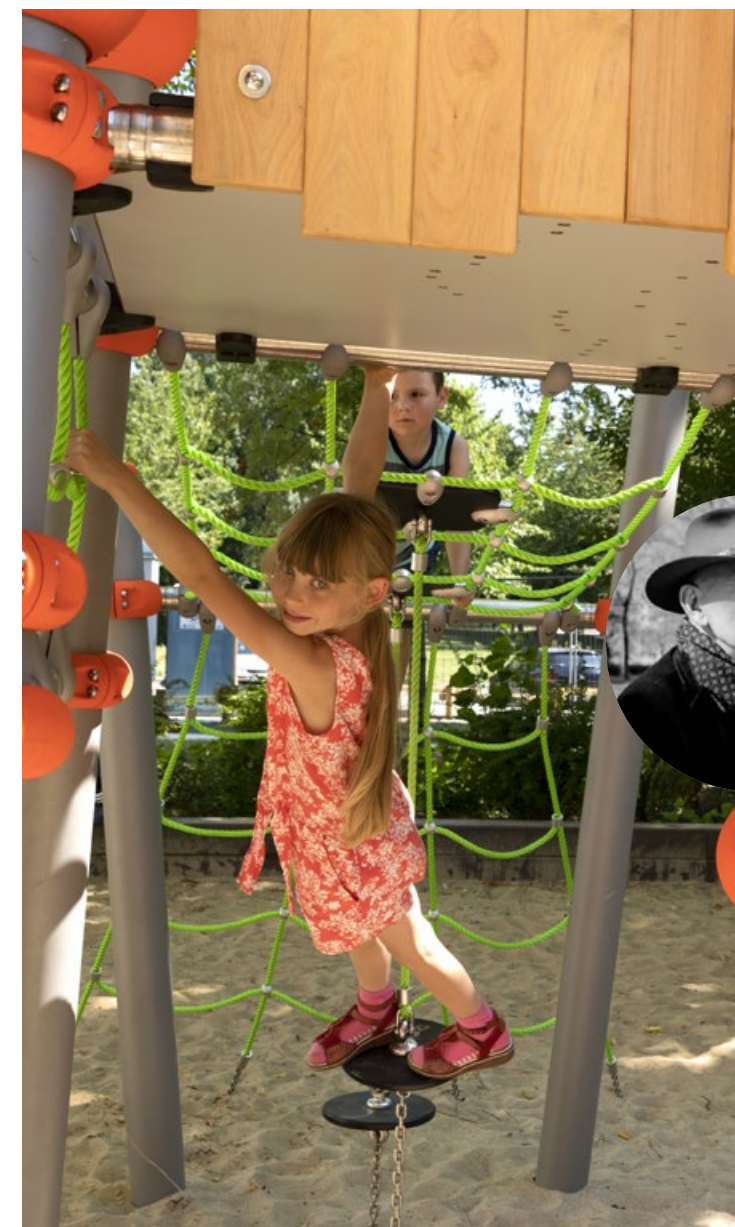
"It does not have to please me, but instead the children! And I think they especially like the playhouse combination and the cool seesaw."

About

"I am an employed landscape architect of the HOWOGE housing association. Our credo is: „More than usual“. And I always try to realise this with my work."

Contact

www.howoge.de




Welcome to the
Tree House Area!

Playground at Donetsk Regional Academic Drama Theatre, Mariupol (UKR)

This varied Greenville Combi is located at Donetsk Regional Academic Drama Theatre in Mariupol, Ukraine. The three Triis (all Greenville) are equipped with access nets, sliding poles and a ladder, while the Splash is combined with a banister. Inside the big rope play house, Bam (Greenville), children can climb in three-dimensional space. The natural look of the bamboo panels as well as the green coloured posts make the playground fit perfectly into its natural environment.

 **Location**
Donetsk Regional Academic Drama
Theatre, Mariupol, Donetsk Oblast, Ukraine, 87500

 **Overall Playground Size in m²**
370

 **Berliner Product Line**
Greenville

 **Client**
City Administration

 **Agency / Architect**
Oksana Milevskaja

 **Planning Phase**
12/2017 - 03/2018

 **Construction Phase**
08/2018 - 09/2018





Architect's Commentary

"Our task was to completely renovate the old playground. To put the children's play equipment that would be as interesting as possible, fit into the landscape, was modern and certainly the same as never before in Ukraine. The main visitors of the playground are children aged 0 to 14 years. I think we coped with the task."
(Oksana Milevskaja)



Tags

Safety, Quality, Design



Architect's Favourite

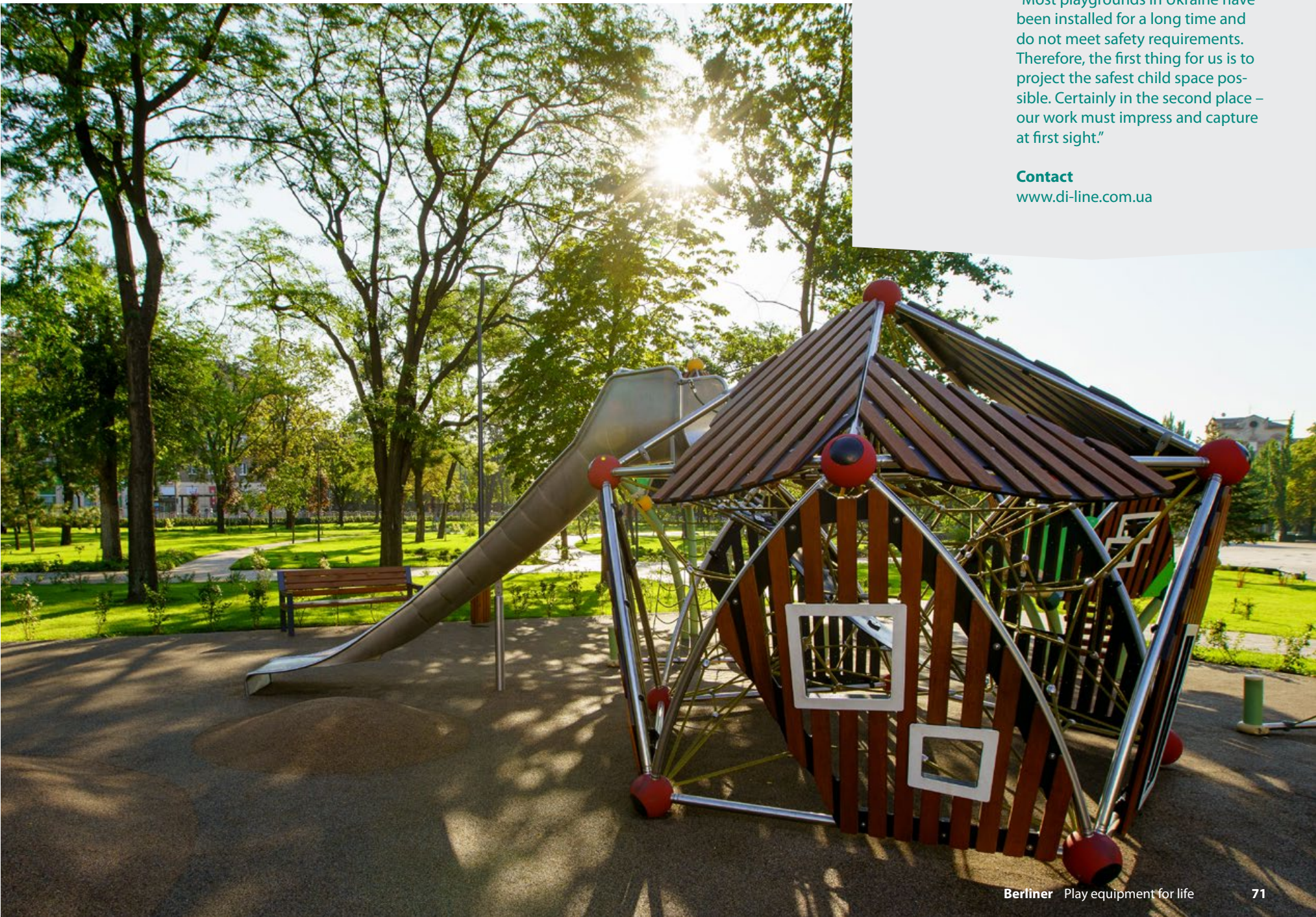
"All equipment is very harmonious and difficult to single out one thing. Probably Trii2.08. It's very exciting climb to the top and go down from slide."

About

"Most playgrounds in Ukraine have been installed for a long time and do not meet safety requirements. Therefore, the first thing for us is to project the safest child space possible. Certainly in the second place – our work must impress and capture at first sight."

Contact


www.di-line.com.ua



Europe's longest public Space Climbing Facility!

Aventura, Medebach (GER)

Just over 168 metres long, a succession of wildly different tunnels, bridges, balance play elements, and rubber mats snake their way through various towers towards the top of the mountain.

 **Location**
Sonnenallee 1, 59964 Medebach, Germany

 **Berliner Product Line**
Greenville, URBAN DESIGN, Terranos & Terranova, Custom-made

 **Client**
Touristik-Gesellschaft Medebach mbH

 **Agency / Architect**
Gasse/Schumacher/Schramm

 **Planning Phase**
2013 – 2015

 **Construction Phase**
2015/04 – 09/2015

Drone Photo: © Peter Beckmann

Architect's Commentary

"Aventura – the Spielberg Medebach – is the most beautiful climbing landscape for children and families in the Sauerland, a tourist magnet on the edge of the Center Parcs without financial and time limits."

(Martin Gasse, Landscape Architect, Partner at Gasse/Schumacher/Schramm)



 **Architect's Favourite**
"My favourite play equipment is the rope climbing equipment that really makes it possible for many children to play at the same time, according to their abilities – and in all seasons.
What I like most of Aventura playground is the Lying Net at the highest spot, which rewards you with the greatest panoramic view over the whole Sauerland."

Contact
www.gasse-schumacher-schramm.de



Climbing and Swinging in Orange!

Playground at Grafental, Düsseldorf (GER)

The bright orange rope of the play equipment at Grafental in Düsseldorf, has an attractive effect! The spiral-shaped play sculpture Twist (Twist & Shout) offers challenging climbing fun for the children of the adjacent development area and it is a visual enrichment at the same time. The Arch Swing (URBAN DESIGN), which is colour coordinated with the Twist, impresses with its elegant design, too. It offers rocking fun for several children simultaneously.

- **Location**
Grafental, Düsseldorf, Germany
- **Overall Playground Size in m²**
192
- **Berliner Product Line**
Twist & Shout, URBAN DESIGN
- **Client**
Grafental Mitte B.V., Zweigniederlassung Düsseldorf
- **Agency / Architect**
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Hubertus Schäfer + Markus Pieper
Partnerschaftsgesellschaft Mbb,
Dipl.-Ing. Jan Hake, Landschaftsarchitekt AKNW
Jan Philip Schröder, M. Sc. Landschaftsarchitektur
- **Planning Phase**
01/2018 - 03/2018
- **Construction Phase**
09/2018 - 11/2018



Architect's Commentary

"Greenbox planned the detailed design of the construction section WA6 of the Grafental housing estate on the basis of the competition entry and the approval planning by GTL Landscape Architects. According to the play concept of the competition entry, the topics "climbing" and "swinging" were taken into account.

The main users of the playground are the direct residents. Challenges were posed in particular by the foundations of the playground equipment. Due to the underground car park's sloping ceilings, some of these are at different levels."

(Dipl.-Ing. Jan Hake, Jan Philip Schröder)



Tags

1. Visually appealing design (contemporary and timeless)
2. High play value
3. Berliner Seilfabrik (which realises exactly this combination of the above mentioned points, which is definitely necessary for play equipment in public or semi-public areas)



Architect's Favourite

The section WA6 with the Twist and the Arch Swing

About

"For Greenbox, creating atmospheric and high-quality open spaces means both challenge and responsibility. We plan strong and sustainable concepts, which are adapted to the respective needs of the people and the environment. We attach great importance to a holistic view of architecture and landscape."

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