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MODERN VINTAGE

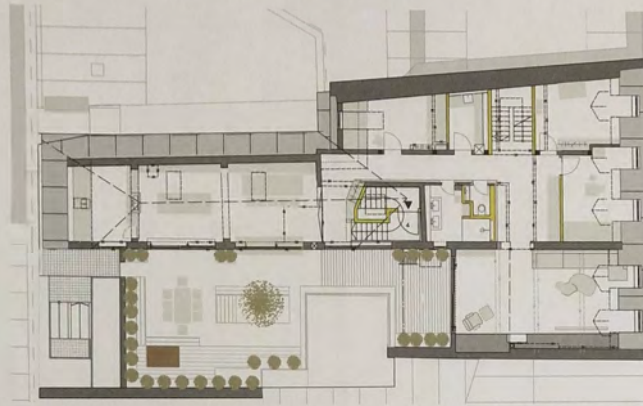
CHALLENGE: THE COMBINATION OF THE FOURTH AND FIFTH ATTIC FLOORS FOLLOWING A FIRE TO CREATE A MODERN LOFT APARTMENT.

Architect | febi architekten
Completion | 2015
Original building | End of the 18th century
Gross floor area before | 150 m²
Gross floor area after | 263 m²
Number of rooms before | 6
Number of rooms after | 10
Number of apartments | 1
Number of residents | 4
Address | Albrechtsgasse 17, 94315 Straubing, Germany

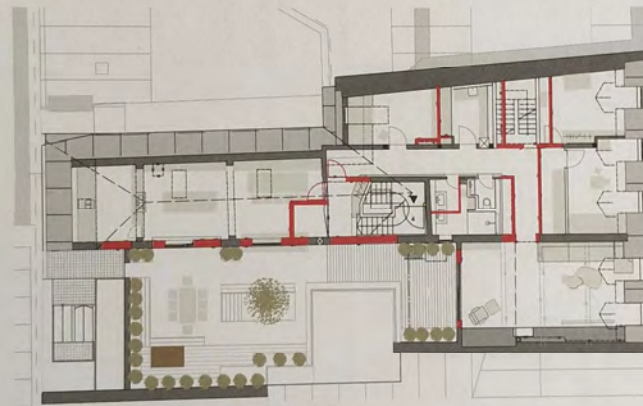


Following a devastating fire, this five-story historical building in Straubing's Old Town required extensive renovation work. Part of this work involved combining the fourth and fifth stories to create a large loft with a roof terrace for a young family. For the client, an important aspect of the design was the combination of modern and exquisite second-hand materials – a sort of bourgeois bohemian style. Douglas fir was used to form room-length floor boards that have been oiled white. The same material was also used for the built-in cube, limestone was used for some of the floors and the washbasins; brass for the kitchen block, lights, armatures and fittings, and raw steel for the stairs. Black medium-density wood fiber panels cover a large storage cupboard. The combination of linear structures with modern elements and the integration of old furniture with signs of wear give this home a vital character.





Ground floor plan: wall structure after renovation (yellow)



Ground floor plan: wall structure before renovation (red)



SOLUTION: CLEAR STRUCTURES AND MODERN INTERNAL FITTINGS CONTRAST THE VINTAGE FURNITURE TO CREATE A VIVID AND SPACIOUS ENSEMBLE.