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## SOCIAL HOUSING BUILDINGS AT SECHERON IN GENEVA

The Sécheron district, originally an industrial zone on the edge of the CFF railway tracks, was subject to a major urban development process comprising of residential buildings, a creche and a communal building grouped around a public park planted with trees.

Conceived on the basis of an architectural design competition, the two buildings house 91 apartments for low income residents. The facades are formed of prefabricated concrete elements whose color and wavy texture are reminiscent of the large trees in the park. The dual aspect apartments contain a living room and a balcony overlooking the park. The construction meets the criteria of the Minergie label.



**CLIENT**  
Geneva City Foundation  
for social housing

**ARCHITECT**  
MPH architectes, Lausanne

**TEKHNE SERVICES**  
Client assistance:  
- project development  
- site supervision

**DATE | COST**  
2006-2011  
CHF 29 million

**DIMENSIONS**  
Floor area 14,300 m<sup>2</sup>  
Gross volume 43,600 m<sup>3</sup>