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### **Integrated Architectural Concepts**

Next to the aesthetic and functional aspects, an ecological approach which also pays great attention to energetical concerns and questions on sustainability and the optimisation of resources, leading to the development of an intelligent and economised, architectural solution amid the border area between architecture and technology, is of great importance to Elmar Schossig's activity of designing.

In comparison, isolated questions or thoughts on planning run the risk of coming to wrong conclusions on a limited basis – with extensive consequences. Each new task implicates the necessity of having to decode the main components from the different influences for the solution. The nature of the task must be investigated, only then will we manage to create things of lasting quality by our actions. Buildings serve mankind.

If spatial proportions, materials, light, climate and other factors have a direct influence on the well-being then there are other aims such as a resource-protecting building method or a lower energy consumption which are subject to this aim in the long term. The intelligent way of building of which is spoken today refers to a design-approach beyond purely technical and aesthetic thoughts. In it, architecture is to be understood as a vivid organism that reacts to social changes as well as to ecological conditions.