



Hafencity Kita, cloakroom.



Hafencity Kita, bathing area.

## Joy meets function at baukind day care centres

**baukind believes in creating a unique space for children with a minimalist yet exquisite design that sets their imagination free.**

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With baukind projects, enough space is created for each child to be able to form a personal connection to its surroundings. The high measure of curiosity and a child's almost constant need for play and physical exercise is met by a variation of motivating surroundings and playscapes. Abstract play equipment and activity elements offer multiple ways of usage, thereby encouraging imagination and creativity. baukind loves the idea that a well-designed room can make toys superfluous and create a sense of calm and orientation, colour is applied with a minimalist yet considerate attitude. The baukind team's main goal is for children to experience their immediate surroundings with joy and autonomy.

Architect and baukind co-founder Nathalie Dziobek-Beppler states: "Our unique designs are based on an imaginative functionality, which makes kids happy, in combination with an aesthetic sensitivity

that adults appreciate." The Berlin-based baukind team of architects and product designers started off seven years ago with building a kindergarten for their own children. To build exclusively for children then quickly turned into their very own call.

baukind day cares for kids always entail something special. The children's day care 'Hafencity Kita' (harbour city day care) in Hamburg for example features a spacious bathing area, complete with water games and several pools. The maritime feel is transported all the way through to the cloakroom by the use of a special colour scheme that reminds of shipping containers in a harbour. The 'kids' restaurant', an open plan design, is the biggest space of the 'Hafencity Kita' and can also be used for sport activities and events.

baukind clients bring enthusiasm for both kids and architecture. Builders ap-

preciate baukind's expertise with the highly complex field of day care centres; a special field full of regulations that need to be considered with each project.

This year, baukind has several attractive projects on their agenda. Top of their list is their aim to help children in need, for example by designing special kindergarten tents for refugee camps. The architects are also looking forward to answering some interesting project requests from China. Last but not least, baukind is planning to finally implement a long cherished dream this year: a combined senior residence and kindergarten facility.

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Space for imagination.