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Being centrally located, having brand-new appliances and furniture, such a diversity of international neighbors and friendly staff actually contributed to enhance my experience as a tenant in Picciotto. The fantastic view of the lake, the convenience of having a tram stop just in front of the building, the 2-minute walk to the Institute and the 5-minute walk to the lake added extra bullet points to the list of positive things about the residence. I would definitely live here again!

Anna Vasquez, Brazil

I have spent two years (2014-2016) in the Edgar Picciotto Housing. I remember this experience with pleasure. There are many positive aspects in staying in the Picciotto Housing. I mention just few above many. Firstly, several comforts, such as: laundry, common room (and its pool table, not to be underestimated at all!), internet included in the price, the cleaning service, etc. More importantly, the kindness and proficiency of all the staff. The kind availability and professionalism of the administrative staff, and the equally reliability of the

housekeeping staff. Moreover, the multicultural environment of the Housing gave me the great opportunity to meet new people from different cultures, generously enriching me both personally and professionally.

Eleonora La Spada, Italy

The location is just perfect for people studying at the Institute. The facilities are modern and useful. Most importantly, the building is well-organized by the friendly and hospitable staff, Vitor and Samantha.

Fei Jin, China



The Student House offered me a great experience in Geneva. Its strategic location and great architecture made every day and night in Geneva a great one for me. I will always choose the Student House as a place of residence if am to visit Geneva a hundred times. The wonderful and ever smiling housing administrators made my stay nothing but an enjoyable one.

Francis Kwabena Atta, Ghana

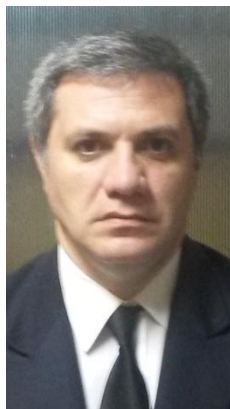
My studio was very neat and fairly new. More spacious than I thought it would be. What I really liked about the student house was its proximity to the Institute as well as the city centre. You could get anywhere in Geneva within minutes! Overall, my experience as a tenant was quite pleasant. **Freditta Apeageyi, Ghana and UK**

In 2015, I had the opportunity to live at the Edgar et Daniele de Picciotto Student House while studying for my Master's degree at the Graduate Institute of Geneva. It was a lovely complement to the two years I spent in Switzerland. Living there supported my studies, as the convenient location (three minutes walking) to the institute made it easy to accommodate late night study sessions and meetings. The minimalist yet modern style of the building offered state-of-the-art amenities while also giving me the freedom to make myself at home. The Picciotto Student House also offered a variety of supports that increased the convenience of living there, such as in-building gym and laundry. The common room formed a nexus of student life, hosting activities such as yoga and cultural events such as potlucks and holiday celebrations, all of which made Picciotto more than a

residence, and more of a home. The facilities were kept immaculate and were looked after carefully, which speaks highly of all the staff that work there: they cultivated a respectful and caring environment throughout the building. And of course, I will always remember the spectacular view I had of Lake Geneva!
Sarah Bou-Rhodes, USA and Spain



The Picciotto Student House is an excellent residence that I would highly recommend! I stayed in a studio on the third floor during my two year course and can only say good things about my stay there. The place is clean, well kept, and has everything you need. I loved my balcony for cooling down in the hot Geneva summers! Vitor and Samantha are always on hand to help with any issues. There are also so many opportunities to be social and get to know people, as there are many IHEID events that take place in the common room downstairs – very convenient if you are only living upstairs! All in all, I would highly recommend staying in the Student House – thanks for making my time in Geneva so enjoyable!
Andrea Tang, UK



My family and I spent a wonderful year in Picciotto residence. It is the most convenient and cost-benefit accommodation you may find in Geneva as a Graduate Institute student. It was not only comfortably furnished but what was remarkably important to us was that there was no need to deal with real estate agents. The apartment was in a perfect condition and we all had everything at walking distance: the Institute itself, the gym for my wife, a ludothèque for my daughter and the lake for all of us. If we had any problem, we just called Samantha or Vitor and everything was settled. And the view was amazing!
Alexandro Villaverde, Argentina

As a PhD candidate at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, I have had the opportunity to live in Picciotto for a couple of years, shortly after it first opened its doors, and thus enjoy its state-of-the-art amenities, strategic location adjacent to the school, and the best views of Palais des Nations, lake Lemman and Geneva. It was a pleasure to live in the student residence because it offered me an ideal balance of student engagement (through group activities organized in the common room, like yoga, language cafe, etc.) and a private environment ideal for studying and relaxation (through individual apartments and fully equipped fitness facility). Furthermore, I had the opportunity to interact with friendly, helpful and caring staff.

And last but not least, I was able to make friendships that I still hold dear today.

Sorina Crisan, Romania



I loved living at Picciotto. Besides having the best view of Geneva (the Lac Léman and the Mont Blanc), what really makes this building special are its tenants. In my 2 years living there, I had the luck of sharing the flat with people from China, India, Japan, Iran and the USA. The diversity didn't end in culture or cuisine (always a plus), as throughout my time there I lived with PhDs, MDEVs, History or Econ students, At first it can be a bit overwhelming it can truly spark rich friendships in the long run. Another perk of living here is that we can sublet our rooms to students from other universities enriching our social sphere and it's worth noting that while Geneva sleeps (through the long Winter), Picciotto will keep you warm with its potlucks, social events and parties.

Amalia Taborga, Bolivia

Perfect location for studying in the IHIED and attentive and helpful welcoming by the reception desk. The house is charming and has unusual view of snow mountain and the lake of Geneva.

Yayezhi Hao, China

As a tenant, I had a fully satisfying experience. The IHEID Student House is located at the very heart of Geneva. Being at close distance from the Graduate Institute, walking distance from the international offices and the main city makes its location simply perfect. Not to talk of its strolling distance from the lake which is like an icing on the cake. I was fortunate enough to have an individual studio for myself, with a private kitchen fully installed washroom and 24 hours Wi-Fi service. I felt at home. Apart from many other things, the housing has a laundry room and a huge common room to socialize which I found really useful. Last but

not least I am thankful to Vitor and Samantha, who are like the heart of our housing, for the warm and cooperative attitude. **Shashaank Nagar, India**



My years in the residence have been a great and enriching experience. Over the period I had neighbors from nine different countries and have met people from many more. This makes the student residence a unique place to get to know different cultures, taste food from various countries and celebrate holidays from all corners of the world and prepares you to live and work in an international environment.

Victor Kümritz, Germany



We really enjoyed living in the Student House. The view from our apartment was breathtaking. The administration was very useful, responsive and always willing to help. Our apartment was in great conditions, the location was ideal – just a couple of minutes away from the Institute, the tram and supermarkets. There are many activities organized and plenty of opportunities to make new friends. Highly recommended!

**Victoria Dagli, Mexico
Blaise Fellay, Switzerland**