Project Description

With its 8,700 residents, the town of Attnang-Puchheim in the Upper Austrian Salzkammergut area plays an important role not just as an industrial location, but also as an important railway and traffic junction in the western Vienna-Salzburg line. However, the infrastructure of its railway station, built in the post-war years, has for quite some time been unable to handle the demands of modern traffic developments, which is why the initial plans for an extensive modernisation of the facility were started in 2008. The alteration was completed after a four-year construction period and celebrated with a festive opening of the new train station building.

Completed under difficult conditions due to the railway’s ongoing operation, the finished large-scale project included the demolition of the old reception building, the construction of a new train station hall and new access tunnel, the expansion of the existing pedestrian tunnel, new points of access to the platforms with elevators and escalators, the restoration of the platforms, and the creation of a new bus terminal. The Viennese architecture studio skyline mastered the challenges posed by a relatively constricted space primarily by using generous glass facades to create a light-flooded ambience. These allow daylight to penetrate all the way into the basement level and convey a surprisingly generous spatial experience. This is an effect which the artificial light concept by the Hamburg-based lighting design specialist Peter Andres consistently implements through harmonious daylight simulations, particularly in the tunnel areas and transition zones that are so critical to the lighting design. Arranged along straight lines as a narrow ribbon in ceiling joints and channels, the light architecture presents itself as a reserved and simple, yet striking design element. It offers the eye a very pleasant lighting experience while simultaneously highlighting the high standards of the new station infrastructure in terms of design, function, and engineering and as one of the most modern facilities of its kind in Austria.

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