Project. The original building of the history of the city was newly constructed in the 1970’s and in 2012 Heilbronn entrepreneur Otto Rettenmaier donated 3 Million Euro for conversion work. Of particular note as a result of the renovation are the building services technology and exhibition rooms while the addition of an extra entrance from Deutschhof and direct link to the Heilbronn City Museum has made the building more visitor-friendly. The successful renovation has been further enhanced by an attractive new building facade.

Concept/Design. Opened in 2012, the «Haus der Stadtgeschichte» is now part of the Heilbronn City Archive and it houses a large collection of documents, photos, newspapers, accounts, certificates, and plans which form the basis of further research into the history of the city.

Construction. In the original building, the interior areas were uncomfortably warm so much consideration was given to providing sun protection when planning the renovation. The solution was found in the application of laminated glass fitted with SEFAR® Architecture VISION Fabric AL 260/55. The 60 m² glazed section has a 55 % open surface area which is also printed on the aluminum coated side. The laminated safety glass consists of 2 × 10 mm white glass and with ESG white safety glass in combination with a 12 mm steel-supported interspace, it becomes insulating glass in places. The insulating glass is built into metal frames and the overall Ug value is 1.2 W/m² K.

Project/Location: «Haus der Stadtgeschichte», Heilbronn, Germany, www.stadtarchiv-heilbronn.de
Architect: Heilbronn City Building Authority, Daniela Branz, Germany, www.heilbronn.de
Glass manufacturer: BGT Bischoff Glastechnik AG, Bretten, Germany, www.bgt-bretten.de
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