

# The Cantonal Bank in a new light

Lightframe

**Project.** Young, fresh, and dynamic is once again the impression customers get when they arrive in the large, bright hall at the headquarters of the Schaffhausen Cantonal Bank in Switzerland. The innovative architectural solution gives the impression of an open sky with daylight now shining directly into the pool of the building's integrated fountain.

**Concept/Design.** For the client, the Schaffhausen Cantonal Bank, high priority was placed on the redesign of the entrance area by underlining the distinctly sculptured style, making the counter area – the heart of the building – visibly modern and welcoming, as well as improving the lighting conditions and acoustics. Schaffhausen-based architects Meyer Stegemann used a comprehensive material and color concept to cover a number of spatial aspects and together with Weissfeld

from nearby Stein am Rhein were able to achieve a new way of managing internal light. A few carefully selected building materials ensure homogeneity and visual optimization.

**Construction.** At the suggestion of the planner, the entire ceiling area was spanned with translucent material. The choice fell to SEFAR LIGHTFRAME® Ceiling solution with SEFAR® Architecture IA-80-CL to ensure a gentle, balanced light, to impart a sense of vastness, and to underline the dimensions of the hall with a free and generous primary separation of the light surfaces. Different membrane levels convey additional spaciousness and the ceiling appears porous and light. In this way, SEFAR® Architecture IA-80-CL improves spatial acoustics while allowing the integration of artificial light and the fine-tuning of colors. Over any distance, discretion is assured.

**Project/Location:** Schaffhauser Cantonalbank, Schaffhausen, Switzerland, [www.shkb.ch](http://www.shkb.ch)

**Architect:** Meyer Stegemann Architekten, Schaffhausen, Switzerland, [www.meyerstegemann.ch](http://www.meyerstegemann.ch)

**Assembly/Implementation:** Krapf AG, Engelburg, Schweiz, [www.krapfag.ch](http://www.krapfag.ch)

**Metal construction/Steel:**

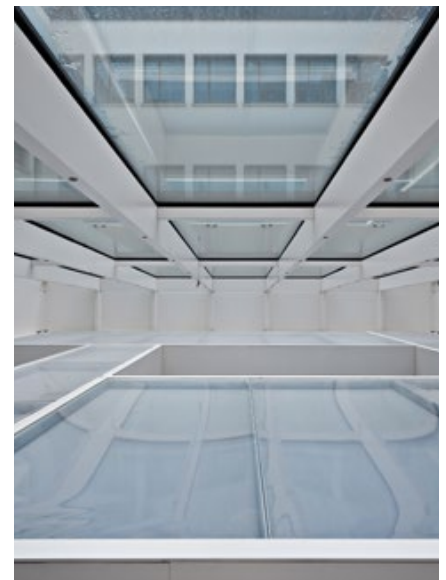
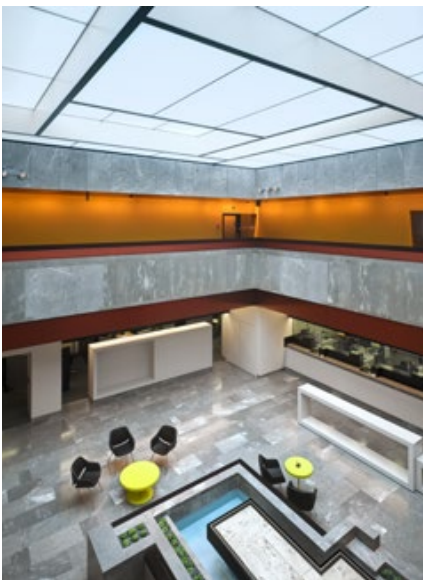
Blaser Metallbau AG, Andelfingen, CH, [www.blasermetallbau.ch](http://www.blasermetallbau.ch)

**Fabric:** SEFAR® Architecture IA-80-CL

**Backside:** ETFE foil clear

**Lightframe Module:** Dimensions from 1363 x 1901 mm to 1470 x 2900 mm

**Photos:** Roger Frei Architekturfotografie, Zürich, Switzerland, [www.rogerfrei.com](http://www.rogerfrei.com)



Architecture  
**Systems**

**S E F A R**  
■ ■ ■ ■

**Sefar AG**  
Architecture  
Hinterbissastrasse 12  
9410 Heiden  
Switzerland

Phone +41 71 898 51 04  
Fax +41 71 898 58 71  
[info@sefararchitecture.com](mailto:info@sefararchitecture.com)  
[www.sefar.com](http://www.sefar.com)  
[www.tenarafabric.com](http://www.tenarafabric.com)