

Restaurant Ceiling Solution at Prime Tower, Zurich

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Project. The Prime Tower octagon was a prize-winning project from architects Gigon/Guyer in a top-class, professional competition. Rich diversity coupled with culture and gastronomy were important specifications, which is why the fine-dining restaurant “Clouds” at the top of the building was given such a prominent position. The tallest building in Switzerland, Prime Tower offers its tenants first-class services – in the center of downtown Zurich together with a fantastic view – making it a truly remarkable head office location.

Concept/Design. Prime Tower and its two annex buildings Cubus and Diagonal form a single architectural entity. Those in search of tranquility head for the 35th floor where not only fine-dining awaits the visitor: “Clouds” – the gourmet restaurant with patio and bistro – presents an inspired solution. In the same way that clouds continually form new patterns in the sky, the architects make a feature of the «ceiling sky» which also provides both acoustic and thermal functions.

Construction. All the membrane elements in the ceiling have different sizes and installation heights, and because of stringent fire prevention regulations, the spanning material chosen was SEFAR® Architecture VISION AL 260/25. The fabric is attached to non-flammable metal ceiling panels which are mounted in a concealed substructure, and the elements can be serviced in combination with the supporting profiles. In addition to the striking optical effect of the room, the indoor climate is positively influenced as well: on its visible face, the special metal ceiling with its slanting ceiling panels is concealed with SEFAR® Architecture VISION Fabric. Coated with aluminum and printed, this also fulfills acoustic demands as well as warming or cooling. Concealed behind the printed elements lies cooling pipe-work, and attached to the reverse side of the ceiling panels there is a reverberation-absorbent acoustic fleece. Thanks to imaginative design and construction, a unique ambiance becomes reality.

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