NEW BUILDINGS IN THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT

“K47” OFFICE AND COMMERCIAL BUILDING

No new buildings have been constructed in the Vienna inner city since Hollen’s Haus (1985-90). The new building at Franz-Josefs-Kai 47 replaced what was known as the K47 building (1911-12), one of Vienna’s early reinforced concrete buildings, built by G. A. Wayss & Co., and damaged by war and then demolished for structural reasons.

In terms of height and volume, the new building follows its surroundings. The visual effect is determined by storey-high sun protection shutters made of satined white glass. They constitute a façade layer that can be controlled individually and that creates the transition to the adjacent rendered facade.

The penthouse is set back from the body of the building and appears to hover above the roof.

“K47” is impressive proof that a historic town centre can be enriched by new buildings if their design is of the appropriate quality.

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