

Press release
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Modern hotel built on historic ruins

The reconstructed “British Hotel” in Dresden shines in a new light



B1 | In the entrance area and at the reception, Slotlight II light lines and 2Light Mini LED downlights provide balanced lighting, blending seamlessly into the interior design.

The Swiss company of Hapimag commissioned the reconstruction of the erstwhile Baroque building, the “British Hotel”, on the foundation walls of the former Palais Beichlingen. Situated next to the Frauenkirche, the building was originally erected in the eighteenth century and destroyed in 1945; now at last the monumental façade has returned, faithfully reconstructed down to every detail. Yet the façade is not the only feature to have been reconstructed true to every detail and in part with original masonry; three historic vaulted cellars have been integrated into the modern new building as well. Matching the contemporary interior of the building is an integral lighting solution by Zumtobel, which in the public areas and the 26 single and 12 two-room apartments creates a uniquely hospitable atmosphere and thus a feeling of well-being and relaxation. The apartments are between 31 and 60 square metres in size, each of which has a fitted kitchen. Gentle lighting

provided by 2Light Mini LED downlights infuses the spacious rooms with a warm and cosy atmosphere, with well-balanced components of direct and diffuse light to gratify all moods and tastes. The sleeping areas have Zumtobel LED spots built into the furniture, ensuring relaxed reading pleasure at perfect lighting conditions.

Visitors are bathed in a friendly and pleasantly bright atmosphere the minute they enter the hotel. Slotlight II light lines and 2Light Mini LED downlights blend seamlessly into the historic structure, providing pleasantly balanced lighting for the reception. Cove lighting provided by the Tecton continuous-row lighting system enhances the atmosphere of the room with its historic walls, accentuating the harmonious interplay between light, interior design and architecture, which is shown to maximum effect throughout the building.



B2 | In the historic vaulted cellar, Vivo pendant luminaires create a bright, pleasant atmosphere.

Kava wall-mounted luminaires in the corridors and staircases ensure excellent and safe orientation for hotel guests, who have the pleasure not only of the spacious apartments, but also lounges and information rooms in the cellar vaults. Here Vivo spotlights and pendant luminaires create a pleasant atmosphere within the historic walls.

The integral Zumtobel lighting solution also encompasses the emergency lighting system of the hotel. The luminaires used for this, Reclite

LED, are characterised by maximum efficiency and ideal light distribution, so that a remarkably small number of luminaires is needed to provide emergency lighting in conformity with relevant standards.

Like the other thirteen Hapimag city residences, the rebuilt Baroque edifice is placed exclusively at the disposal of Hapimag members. Membership is obtained by purchasing shares in the public limited company, which is not listed on the stock exchange.

Fact box:

Client:	Schweizer Aktiengesellschaft Hapimag, Baar/CH
Interior design:	Architekten Schulze, Dresden/DE
Electrical consultants:	I PRO Dresden, Planungs- und Ingenieuraktiengesellschaft, Dresden/DE
Electrical installations:	Uhlemann Meisterbetrieb GmbH, Dresden/DE
Lighting solution:	Zumtobel SLOTLIGHT II light lines 2LIGHT MINI LED downlights SUPERSYSTEM multi-functional LED lighting system TECTON continuous-row lighting system LIGHT FIELDS recessed and surface-mounted luminaires VIVO spotlights and pendant luminaires RESCLITE LED emergency lighting system



B3 | In the corridors and staircases, Kava wall-mounted luminaires make sure that guest find their way easily and safely.



B4 | The Supersystem LED spots integrated into the furniture allow relaxed reading under the best lighting conditions.



B5 | Thanks to an ideal light distribution even a small number of Reslicte LED ensure a standards-compliant emergency lighting.

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