



## Architekturzentrum Wien – Az W

The Architekturzentrum Wien, the Austrian architecture museum, opened in 1993, making it the longest running cultural institution providing an uninterrupted programme in the MuseumsQuartier. The Architekturzentrum Wien is *the* centre for architecture and the culture of building, providing a platform for exhibitions, a centre of knowledge and research, and an information point for everybody interested in architecture.

The Architekturzentrum Wien and its varied programme have earned a high reputation both in Austria and internationally. Presenting the public with the permanent exhibition 'a\_show. Austrian Architecture in the 20th and 21st Centuries', several temporary exhibitions every year and a comprehensive programme of educational events and other activities, the Az W provides a focus on the most exciting facets of modern architecture. Special attention is given to architecture of the 20th and 21st centuries, as well as to the architecture of the future.

A wide-range of supplementary cultural services is also offered by the Az W, including a specialised reading library in the historical Oktogon building, to which admission is free, the online architecture database and the online dictionary of architects, both of which are to be found on the Az W website: [www.azw.at](http://www.azw.at).

The Az W is, however, also a centre of knowledge and research, and houses an extensive 20th century architecture collection. The archives at the Az W — a pool of knowledge frequently accessed both in-house and externally — consists of the Achleitner Archiv, historically relevant estates of architects both living and deceased, and a collection of individual projects.

On Sundays all devotees of architecture have the opportunity to explore the newest architecture in Vienna and surroundings on the 'sonntags' excursions, visiting everything from loft conversions, via the architecture of wineries, to avant-garde remodellings of historical locations and single family houses.

The Architekturzentrum Wien Partner Programme provides a comfortable way to enjoy the full range on offer, including special Partner events.

A special attraction is the Architekturzentrum Wien's café-restaurant, designed by the French architect duo Anne Lacaton and Jean-Philippe Vassal. A visit to the exhibitions can be rounded off under the oriental tiled ceiling designed by the Vienna-based Turkish artist Asiye Kolbai-Kafalier.