

... and the band plays on

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Ketterer's House for Art at Neue Messe Munich to celebrate traditional Bavarian topping out

Munich, 8 July 2008, (kk) - Everything went off without a hitch so topping-out will be celebrated on 23 July in the authentic Bavarian way. A traditional toast will be followed by genuine Bavarian brass-band music, bouncing loaves of rye bread from Andechs accompanied by savoury Bavarian cheese and crispy grilled chicken. "The inaugural auction at our new House for Art will make a dream long cherished come true," thus Robert Ketterer, auctioneer and owner of Ketterer Kunst. "Then all our art auctions will be held centrally at a single venue planned specially for this purpose," the auctioneer continues.

On a property covering some 3500 square metres, a three-storey structure will boast a state-of-the-art auction room, a spacious exhibition area, an art lounge with a reading corner, a café bar with a cosmopolitan ambience and, at 8 metres in height by 23 metres in width, what is most likely the world's biggest art display window. The Munich architecture practice Franz + Sacher have designed it all. And what is so fantastic about it: an ultra-sophisticated lighting concept ensures that the new Munich temple to the arts, including its underground garage, will be shown in the right light.

Some € 1.5 m have been earmarked for the building engineering alone, which Zickler + Jakob have planned on environmentally friendly lines. An ecologically sound geothermal heat pump system using the ground-water will keep the building cool in summer and it will also be heated by ground-source water in winter by means of a low temperature water boiler. Hence the energy balance of the ground water will remain as close to neutral as possible.

Nor have the children been forgotten. The grown-ups will be at leisure to soak up the atmosphere while their offspring are being cared for in this new art environment.

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