



Hotel Sacher in Vienna

The world-famous hotel has had a “Sacher-style” facelift

Famous all over the world, above all for its famous coffee bar on the ground floor where the equally famous Sacher cake has been served for more than a century, the Hotel Sacher was founded in 1876 by Eduard Sacher, the son of Franz, the creator of the famous cake. When Eduard Sacher died in 1892, running of the hotel was taken over by his widow Anna who turned it into the luxury hotel as we know it, famous all over Europe for its class, elegant rooms and, obviously, its culinary delights.

The hotel passed over to the Gürtler family in 1934, and they managed to maintain the glory of the Sacher Hotel which today is still a meeting place and stopover for



aristocrats, politicians, businessmen and VIPs from the world of show-business, as well as being a famous and historical tourist spot. Located right in the heart of the city, the hotel is near to the Cathedral of St. Stephen and the Vienna Opera House, and just a short distance from the Hofburg Imperial Palace, and has 152 rooms, two Presidential Suites, a health centre on the top floor, two restaurants and three coffee bars, including the famous coffee bar on the ground floor.

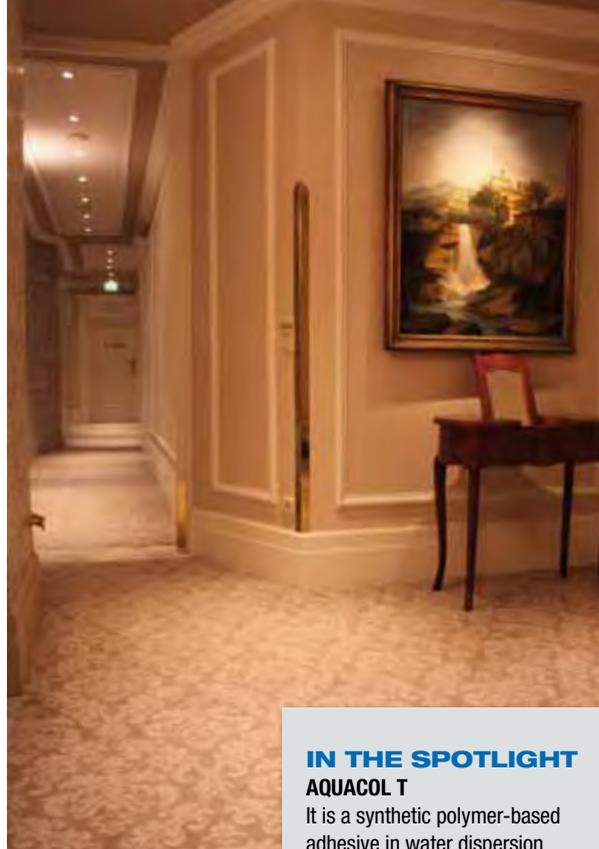
Renovating a Historical Hotel

One wing of the hotel was completely renovated between 2011 and 2012. The designers managed to combine classic interiors, typical of the Hotel Sacher, with a wish to create a modern, welcoming structure using cutting-edge materials and products, and all according to the tight schedule.

The Mapei Technical Services Department recommended a series of products to prepare the substrates and install the textile floor coverings. The technicians recommended completely demolishing the existing floorings in the rooms and corridors and making a new screed using TOPCEM PRONTO ready-to-use, normal-setting controlled-shrinkage mortar for quick-drying (4 days) screeds. The screed was then treated with PRIMER G synthetic resin primer in water dispersion diluted 1:2 with water. This product promotes good adhesion and has the capacity to even out the absorption of substrates before smoothing the substrates or before bonding flooring. PRIMER MF two-component epoxy primer was then ap-

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AQUACOL T adhesive in water dispersion was used in the rooms and corridors.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

AQUACOL T

It is a synthetic polymer-based adhesive in water dispersion with very low emission of volatile organic compounds (VOC) for textile floor and wall coverings and linoleum floorings. It is applied in a single coat. AQUACOL T is not inflammable and does not contain toxic substances and has a very low emission level of volatile organic compounds (EMICODE EC1). It can contribute up to **3 points** to obtain the **LEED** certification.



plied on part of the surface. This primer also has consolidating and waterproofing properties and is able to contain excess residual humidity content in screeds and concrete floorings. Then, to make the surface perfectly flat, the substrates were levelled over with ULTRAPLAN and ULTRAPLAN MAXI self-levelling, ultra quick-hardening smoothing compounds which prepare the substrates to receive all kinds of floor coverings just 24 hours after application. This characteristic allowed work to be completed within the very tight schedule. To lay around 2,500 m² of textile floors in the rooms and corridors, AQUACOL T adhesive in water dispersion with very low emission of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) was used.

Technical Data

Hotel Sacher, Vienna (Austria)

Year of Construction: 1876

Period of Intervention: 2011-2012

Intervention by Mapei: supplying products for the preparation of the substrates and the installation of the textile floors in the rooms and corridors

Designer: Pierre-Yves Rochon

Client Hotel Sacher

Laying Company: Fa. Aigner Raumaustattung

Laid Materials: textile floors

Mapei Co-ordinators: Reinhold Stinzi and Georg Klein, Mapei GmbH (Austria)

Mapei Products

Preparation of the substrates:

Primer G, Primer MF, Topcem Pronto

Levelling substrates: Ultraplan, Ultraplan Maxi

Laying textile floors: Aquacol T

For further information see the websites www.mapei.com and www.mapei.at.

