

Stay Overnight



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Hospitality
Design in
Repurposed
Spaces

BRAUN

Hotel Liberty

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Offenburg, Germany

STAY OVERNIGHT



During the transformation of the old Offenburg correctional facility into a design hotel, the historical and sensitive heritage of the prison building was to be mixed with the right amount of light-heartedness. Being imprisoned, deprivation and lost time were translated into retreat, concentration and awareness for the moment – needs of today's society. The hotel consists of two separate buildings and a newly added central glass cube, which houses the public area with restaurant, bar and lobby. On an interme-

The reconstruction of a prison building requires a thought-out plan. For this reason it was very important to react with sensitivity to what the historical building was gradually revealing.



diate level, a semi-public living room for the hotel guests has been built, based on the former prisoners' common room. On the second floor there is a conference room. The new glass building is not only a visual link between the two hotel wings, but also symbolizes the former prison courtyard. For the 38 rooms and suites, two to three former cells were combined, depending on their size. The prison atmosphere has given way to an absolute feel-good atmosphere.

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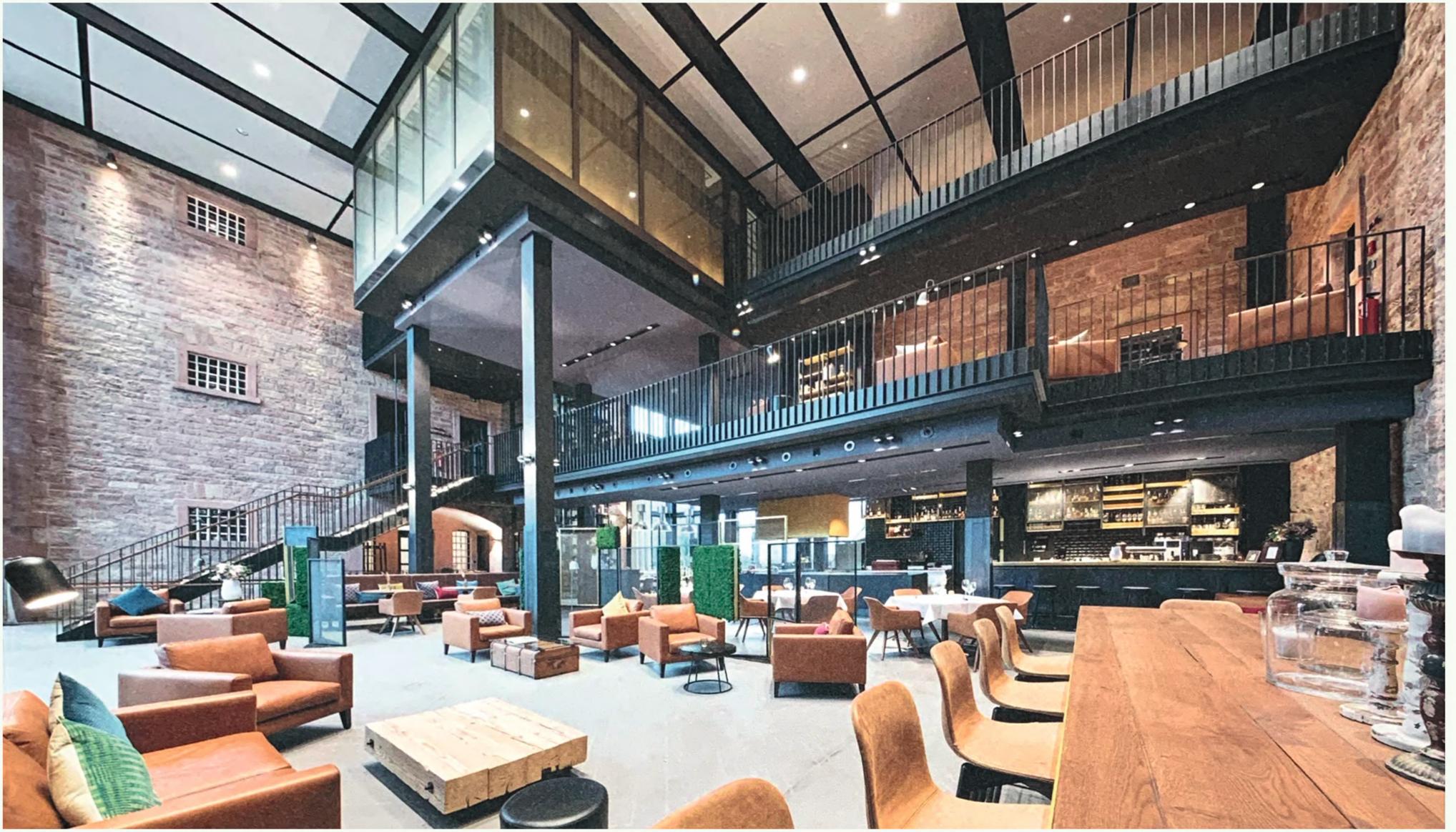


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- 1 The old prison doors remain intact.
- 2 Prison corridor with old and new prison doors.
- 3 Hotel lobby with oversized bookshelf at former prison wall.
- 4 Prison bars are reminiscent of the buildings old function.

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ARCHITECT
Konrad Knoblauch

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT
Schöllmann Garten

CLIENT
CDF Immobilien

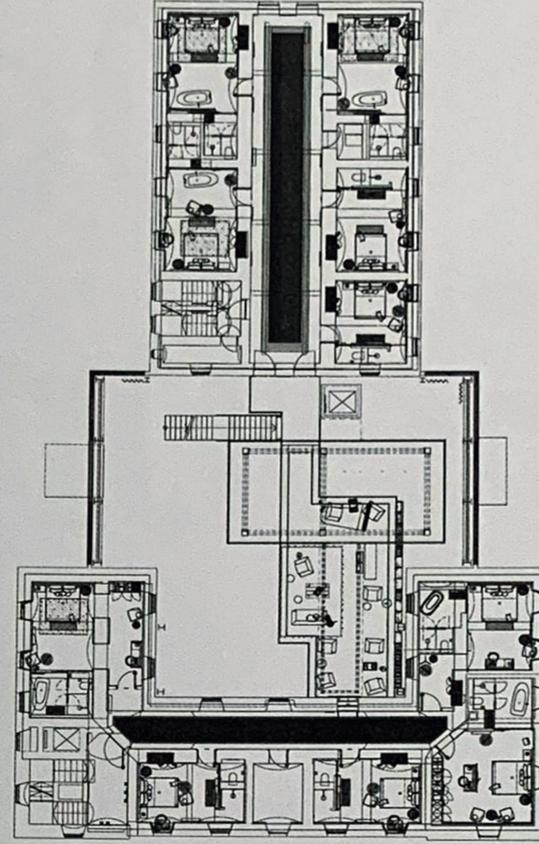
YEAR
2017

TYPE OF HOTEL
Design hotel

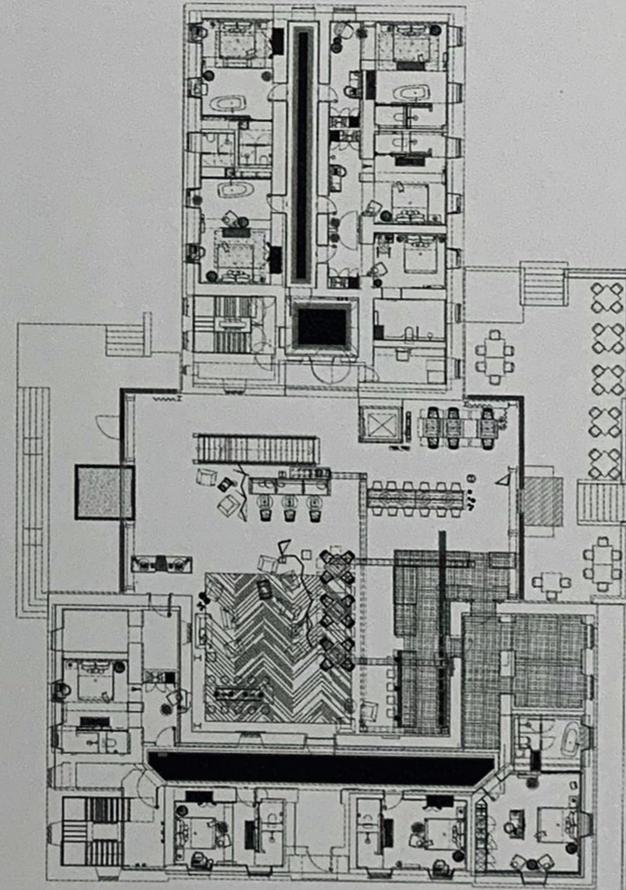
NUMBER OF ROOMS
38

ORIGINAL BUILDING
Heinrich Hübsch, 1849,
correctional facility

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- 5 Public area with inviting restaurant, bar and lobby, contrast the austere prison walls.
- 6 Ladies' restroom with three sinks.
- 7 Maximal comfort on minimal space in the bathroom.
- 8 First floor plan.
- 9 Ground floor plan.