

Room divider in the banking area at Prime Tower

Project. The Prime Tower octagon is a prize-winning creation by Zurich architects Gigon/Guyer in a top-class, professional competition. When fully utilized, the 40000 m² floor space is occupied by around 2000 workers from all over the world. Up-market service providers have already established their corporate offices at this desirable location in the center of Zurich, with fantastic views of the mountains and lake. Among them is Deutsche Bank.

Concept/Design. Architecturally, the complex consists of a 36-storey tower, the highest in Switzerland, plus the annexes Cubus, Diagonal, and Platform. In its most frequent application, principally for the facade of the building, the glass laminated SEFAR® Architecture VISION fabric has a metallic coating on the external side but remains black and neutral on the inward side. Both sides can also be coated in different ways as is sometimes the case for internal dividing walls. Deutsche Bank serves its private clients on the 33rd floor, hence the

desire for a welcoming yet discreet atmosphere. Sefar fabric was chosen for lamination in classic glass dividing panels because it has the visual qualities of textile and the color can be precisely defined. By coating the AL 140/35B fabric on both sides, it is possible to see outwards from the meeting room as well as from the corridor, while vacuum metallization and appropriate illumination gives it an elegant sheen. A double layer in combination with matt film ensures the meeting room is protected from outside eyes.

Construction. In the bank area (floors 13–16 plus floor 33), Vision Fabric functions as a divider between the meeting room and corridor. Light falling on the laminated glass is reflected, conjuring up the metallic effect of the coating, and with a suitable illumination system this can be increased to such an extent that it is impossible to see through the laminated glass at all.

Project/Location: Prime Tower Zurich, Switzerland, www.primetower.ch, Deutsche Bank

Architect: Annette Gigon/Mike Guyer Architekten, Zurich, Switzerland www.gigon-guyer.ch

Glass manufacturer: Steinfort Glass NL

Foil: SentryGlas® supplied by DuPont, www.sentryglas.com

Fabric: SEFAR® Architecture VISION AL 140/35B various colors

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