

CATEGORY 2: USER-FRIENDLY GREEN AREAS AND GARDEN PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF GASTRONOMY/THE HOTEL INDUSTRY & COMMERCIAL AREAS



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MICHAELA REITTERER / BOUTIQUEHOTEL STADTHALLE (AT, SINCE 2009) BOUTIQUE HOTEL STADTHALLE – GREEN IN THE HEART


With its 17-year-old 150 m² lavender roof, rose bushes, completely greened façades and seven bee colonies, the Vienna Boutiquehotel Stadthalle has created something special. The plant diversity is a feast for the eyes in the middle of the city. The indoor climate under the roof is so good that there is no need for air condition. The self-harvested honey is not only used to cover the annual requirement at the breakfast buffet, but also to increase the quantity of the Vienna district honey. In the garden, herbs grow in a raised bed and in several large pots – for use in refreshing drinks and the buffet. When the building was thermally refurbished back in 2008, the wild vines were secured with a scaffold and fixed again later. It is proven that the hotel garden keeps the temperature 3-4°C lower in summer than on the street. Since three houses form an ensemble, both guests and neighbours profit from the pleasant climate. Furthermore, a façade garden optimizes the climate on the roadside. Guests are enthused by the view from the green leaf window frames. Inside, in the entrance area, a green herb façade garden has been installed, serving as a research project on the topic of how it develops with LED. As regards plant diversity, the balancing act between a cultivated hotel garden and ecologically valuable garden design and care has proven successful, as has the conversion of an old courtyard with waste bins and carpet beater into a place where guests and employees alike feel good.

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