

Salzburg Airport, Austria

A completely new outward was given to the Salzburg Airport in the course of extension and conversion work on the infrastructure for individual traffic. The most important design criteria were sweeping ease, width and lightness in order to architecturally imitate the floating and weightless character of flying as well as of its element, the air. Silver grey steel elements and white membrane surfaces break up the severe and functional airport architecture.

Four buildings complement each other forming one unit and create sheltered passages between all parts of the buildings.

The largest textile roof with a surface of 2.900 m² covers the entire area of the bus entrance, the bus terminal, and adjoins directly the central airport building. A complex steel construction forms the supporting construction for the bow membranes and its design reminds one of a light and elegant aircraft wing.



A second roof construction with three single elements connects the spacious covering of the bus area with the car park. These roofs also include the central architectural idea of flying and gliding. Like a suspended ray or the wings of a big bird, the roof elements stretch over the connecting corridors.



Three overlapping sails are tensioned at the stairwell building and represent for the airport area an eye-catching object visible from a far distance. With its tops looming into the sky, the sails appear like rockets and thus complete the central design idea of flying.



Project data

Architekt / Architect	M. Rhomberg, Salzburg
Konstruktion / Construction	IF, Reichenau
Statik / Statical Calculation	IF, Reichenau
ÜGF / Covered Area	5.000 m ²
Baujahr / Year of Construction	1994