

Projectdocumentation No. 31



Floral images

The brief of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), a department of the United Nations, is to protect intellectual property at an international level. A new administrative building has been added to its headquarters in the international district of Geneva by Behnisch Architekten. The offices for around 500 employees are grouped around three spacious atria. Several inner gardens over two storeys as well as broad staircases and corridors promote informal communication.

Flexibility in size and in use were two of the most important requirements in the office planning. Special adapter profiles that are easy and fast to relocate were built to connect to the façade to make it possible to reconstruct offices, enlarge them or reduce their size. This means the crosswalls of the offices can be repositioned without any adjustments having to be made.

Floral patterns decorate the glass walls on the corridor side. The precise screen-

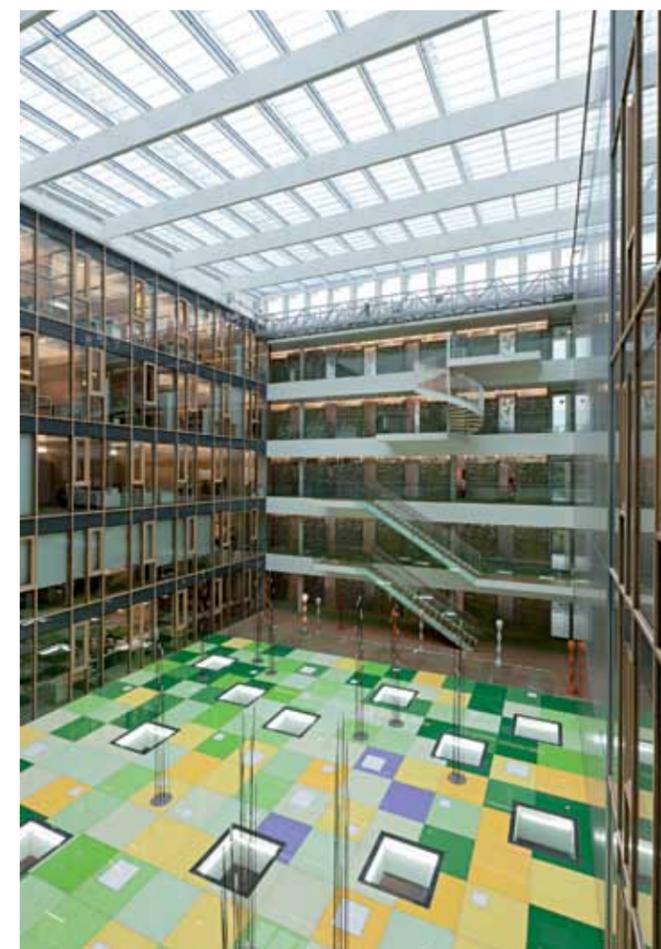
printed images are present throughout – even over the doors. The inside, on the office side, was to be opaque up to the top of the door which is why they are covered in veneer and glazed in different colours.

The 2300 system ticked all the boxes. Strähle EI30 doors in the same design were used to separate the staircases. The corridors thus form homogeneous infrastructures over the entire length of the building.

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Architecture:
Behnisch Architekten,
Stuttgart

System
2300

Volume: 7300 rm ceiling crosswalls and 3200 rm partition walls
Planning grid: 1300 mm
Sound insulation requirement corridor walls: 37 dB Rwp
Sound insulation requirement office crosswalls: 45 dB Rwp
Fire protection: EI30 glass walls and EI30 glass doors in some areas



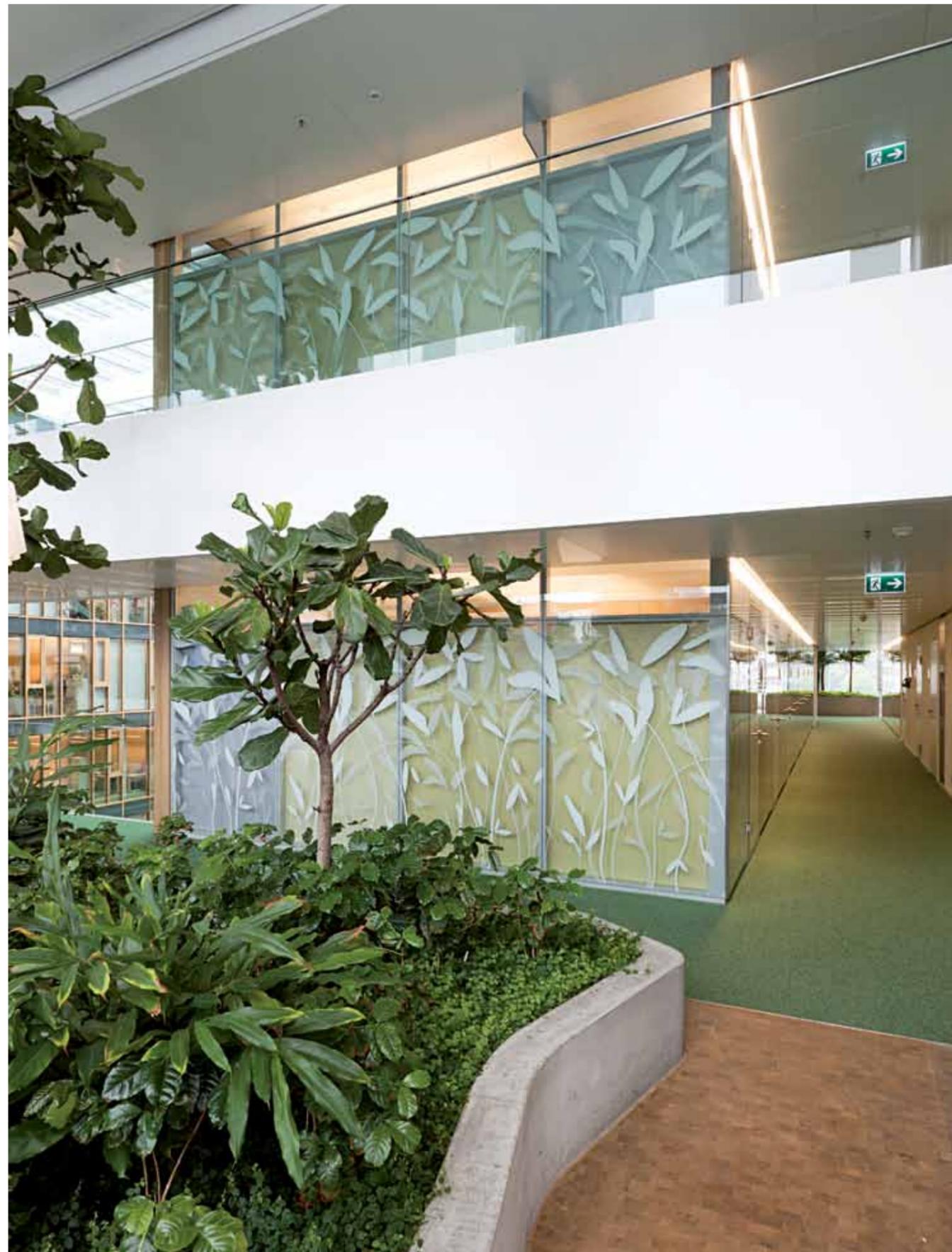
The ground plan of the new administrative building of the WIPO in Geneva shows spacious communication areas as well as inner gardens over two storeys.





The glazing correlates with the inner gardens. The wooden surfaces are glazed in different colours.

The floral print over doors and corner elements creates the impression of one continuous flowing space. The special foil coating on the toplight glazing evenly distributes the strip lighting.





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A special profile ensures flexible mounting of the adapter on the façade whilst maintaining the high level of sound proofing. This enables the user to reposition the walls within the building whenever necessary.



Fire safety requirements were met with EI30 fireproof doors from the 2300 system.



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