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2009-2013: Designed entrance solutions with automatic sliding doors from GEZE becomes popular in Nordic hotels.



In this 3rd article in our Scandinavian Anniversary history line, we will zoom in on the time period 2009-2013 where hotel entrance solutions started focusing on design combined with barrier-free access, comfort and automation. This period gave GEZE presence in some very interesting Nordic projects and it added a solid ground for many hotel projects for the next decade in our Scandinavian history.

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The GEZE sliding door systems are space-saving and quiet doors, visually outstanding and blend into every style of architecture. The systems have a long history of being popular with architects for the smooth blending in design, perfect for any glass façade. The barrier-free automatic sliding door systems have a state-of-the-art drive technology and are highly-functional. This has made it possible to realize the most varied of usage requirements in both local and global hotels. Whether in hotel entrances, corridors or the doors to the restaurant, the automatic sliding door offers safety and comfort thanks to the easy and intuitive operation. GEZE automatic door can be activated manually via push buttons or automatic via sensors, facilitating the barrier-free and comfortable accessibility for anyone; children, travelers with luggage, wheelchairs or material deliveries to a reception.



Automatic sliding doors are popular in glass facades

In Bodø, up north in Norway, the weather conditions place a special demand on door solutions and durability. This is something that was highly important when the Hotel Scandic Havet installed new door drives approximately a decade ago. From the hotel you have a 360-degree views of the quayside and you can take in the midnight sun, marvel at the northern lights and watch the sea eagles gliding by majestically from the hotel rooms. A total of 114 automatic doors are run by GEZE products. The popular drive for the sliding doors is the GEZE ECdrive.



Hotel Scandic Havet in Bodø, Norway

The ECdrive was also a favorite in the update of the Scandic lifestyle hotel Downtown Camper, in the city center of Stockholm, Sweden. Here the old Hotel Scandic Sergel Plaza was completely rebuilt and enlarged, making it a spectacular new feature of the square, and it was resurrected as Downtown Camper by Scandic. When the doors open to Downtown Camper, the guests enter a world of adventure, activity and fellowship in the hotel lobby. The automatic doors in the hotel's entrance promotes a welcoming and inclusive sensation, barrier-free for everyone.



The automatic sliding doors blend perfectly into the design of the entrance

The GEZE ECdrive is a silent electromechanical automatic sliding door. The simple and stable modular design, maintenance-friendly components and user-friendly operation equates to many years of

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trouble-free operation. As the most sold sliding door drive from GEZE, an important relaunch of the new ECdrive T2 was introduced in 2019. The drive was optimized with double rollers, easy installation and maintenance options and of course an even more clean design on the profiles. Recent years the ECdrive T2 has been installed in the majority of glass facades at hotels, retail and exhibition buildings.



The ECdrive are easily integrated in the design of the architect

Also at the PM & Vänner (PM & Friends) hotel in Växjö, Sweden, the design is key throughout the building. The hotel opened in 2014 next to the popular restaurant with the same name. The PM Hotel offers a complete concept for dining experiences, design and luxury. The front door to the hotel lobby was delivered in cooperation with a local GEZE partner. The beautiful glass door is curved and blends into the street of the city. Inside the building GEZE ECdrive is installed in several doors between lobby and restaurant, in the bar and lounge area etc. The keywords for the project included sustainability, style and quality, which goes hand in hand with the sliding door solutions from GEZE.



At PM&Vänner the curved entrance doors are a need matched the street



At The Retreat in the Blue Lagoon on Iceland all design is carefully thought through

At Iceland *high quality* is also greatly valued. At the luxury hotel The Retreat, you can enjoy the magnificent nature and the lovely healing care of the Blue Lagoon. Here, the Scandinavian architecture truly converges with nature, and every single detail is well thought-through in order for guests to feel united with the scenic landscape. GEZE's partner in Iceland, Járn & Gler hf, delivered and installed GEZE automatic solutions on all doors at The Retreat. A full integration of all automatic doors – even the heaviest glass doors weighing up to 150 kilos – was done with seamless interplay creating elegantly open and closing throughout the building. For the most heavy doors the GEZE Powerdrive came to its full potential. Smoothly blending into the design, the Powerdrive is a quiet electromechanically sliding door automatic

specially developed to large and heavy door leaves. It easily moves doors with the weight of 200 kg per leaf, without compromising the demand from the architects.



The Nordic design provide full integration of the scenic nature in the Blue Lagoon

"With all doors being connected to the smart building management system and fire alarm regulations of The Retreat, we have installed not only well-designed door drives and door closers of high quality, but also innovative and flexible door solutions at The Retreat. This is what really matters in a project of this size and complexity, and this is why GEZE brings high value to the market," says Jón Halldór Davídsson, Járn & Gler hf, Iceland.

To any hotel; luxuriously, designed, local or petite, a prestigious and convenient entrance is the first welcome greeting for guests. Automatic accesses to the kitchen and other areas enables the staff to safely perform their tasks, and ensures smooth service. Accessibility, safety and hygiene are important benefits for all; guests and staff. The trends that GEZE experiences in 2009-2013, gave ground to the success of GEZE automatic door solutions, which continues still today. Many great hotels throughout the world have GEZE drives installed.

Still today, the drives that were installed more than 10 years ago, are running daily in many hotels in our Scandinavian region. In our capital cities the door solutions have been integrated in old historian buildings as well as new and modern hotels.

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The automatic sliding doors are preferred in most Nordic hotel design

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