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Cantonal Court of Graubünden, Chur

Extension, restoration

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Initial Situation & Concept

The state building on Grabenstrasse in Chur was built in 1877/1878. It originally housed the Grand Council with its council chamber, the Cantonal Court and the Graubünden Cantonal Bank. As part of Judicial Reform 3, it was to serve as the seat of the newly created High Court. On 27 November 2022, the people of Graubünden approved the conversion.

Challenge

As construction management, we coordinated the specialist planning teams between heritage conservation and modern requirements. Restoring the art glazing and the chandeliers demanded precision. At the same time, we improved the structural engineering, updated the fire protection measures and optimised energy efficiency. The split-level access through the old window openings created a complex interface.

Approach

The original structures are being restored. The former council chamber becomes the main courtroom, and the state obscured in 1962 is being reconstructed. Eight historic stained-glass windows return from the Rhaetian Museum. Two chandeliers, each weighing 500 kg, receive modern LED technology. A four-storey extension built to Minergie standard completes the ensemble.

Image source: Ingo Rasp

Developer: Canton of Graubünden
Completion: 2025
Project type: Extension, restoration
Project author: Aebi & Vincent Architekten
Construction costs: CHF 29.2 Mio
Scope of services: , Construction Management

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