

### Backlit stainless steel panels

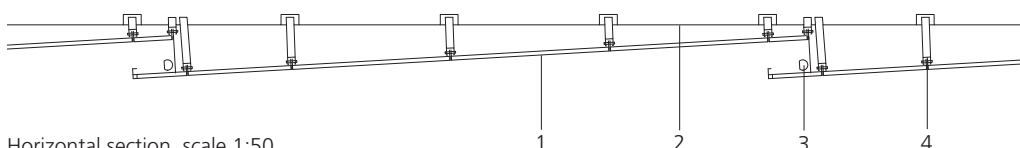
Bright and inviting are adjectives not usually associated with underground car parks. But they describe perfectly this new facility built at the Novartis Campus in Basel. Here the secret lies in a combination of quality materials and an unusual lighting concept.

Floor-to-ceiling panels in stainless steel are used to clad the walls of this underground space. Their textured champagne-coloured surface is achieved by a titanium-zirconium coating on embossed stainless steel sheet. Set individually at an angle to the wall, the panels overlap like golden fish scales, the light emerging from the gaps between them. Fluorescent tubes were avoided in favour of warm-white LEDs, arranged vertically within the spaces to add accent and drama. The fine embossing on the stainless steel panels scatters and reflects the light further.



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 Lighting design: Licht Kunst Licht, Bonn/Berlin, D  
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*Great attention to detail is evident in the design of the cladding panels in this underground car park. Light guides the users in the right direction, but the light source itself remains hidden from view.*



Horizontal section, scale 1:50

- 1 2 mm stainless steel panel, embossed, PDV-coated, EN 1.4301, panel size 1050 x 2600 mm
- 2 Matt black strip at top and bottom
- 3 Lighting profile with 1W LED lamps
- 4 Support frame



*Evenly lit space, with no strong shadows, enhances the feeling of security.*