The client: Energie Steiermark AG is Austria’s largest energy company with core business operations in electricity, natural gas, district heating and renewable energy. The Company operates in an energy market that is characterized by high competition and low margins. It is committed to providing sustainable and affordable energy solutions to its customers while also investing in renewable energy sources.

The relationship between architect and client: The close relationship between architect and client was essential to achieve the highest quality product. The client’s vision was carefully understood, and the design was developed in close consultation to ensure that the final product met both aesthetic and functional requirements.

Work and solution: To achieve the client’s vision, the project aimed to create an office building that not only met the aesthetic and functional requirements but also incorporated sustainable design principles. The building was designed to be energy-efficient and environmentally friendly, minimizing its impact on the environment.}

The building features a combination of natural and artificial light, with large windows to maximize natural light and reduce energy consumption. The materials used in the building were selected for their durability and low environmental impact. The building’s orientation and layout were carefully planned to optimize energy efficiency, with a focus on passive solar design and natural ventilation.

Additional features include:
- Green roofs to reduce heat island effects and improve stormwater management.
- Reclaimed materials to reduce waste and promote sustainability.
- Renewable energy systems, such as solar panels, to reduce energy consumption.
- Water-efficient fixtures and systems to conserve water.
- Energy-efficient lighting to reduce energy use.

These features contribute to a healthy and comfortable indoor environment, while also reducing the building’s environmental footprint. The building is designed to meet the highest sustainability standards, demonstrating the commitment of the client and the architect to creating a sustainable and healthy workspace.

The design of the building is characterized by a combination of modern architectural elements and sustainable design principles, resulting in a building that is not only functional and comfortable but also environmentally responsible. The building is a prototype example of how efficient energy use can be as a design criterion, setting a new standard for sustainable office buildings.
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