



**Image 1:** Looking out from the SeeLoge hotel, guests have an unobstructed view across Lake Eutin towards Eutin castle.

## **SeeLoge hotel in Eutin Socially inclusive**

**Since January 2020, accessibility has been a requirement in the planning of any public building, such as the SeeLoge hotel in Eutin. Schörghuber is the only door manufacturer that produces barrier-free doors as a complete system that fully complies with DIN 18040-1 / 2 and is certified accordingly. The specialist wooden door manufacturer supplied the SeeLoge hotel with doors that meet this standard.**

Situated right on the lakeside, the SeeLoge in Eutin is a social inclusion hotel that looks anything but. And it features inclusive architecture that excels in its simplicity – in support of both guests and staff. Only those who read the SeeLoge website carefully may eventually notice that it is officially classified as a “social inclusion hotel”. The aim of any inclusion, then, has been achieved. Because the fact that around 40 per cent of the staff have limited mobility goes unnoticed. Guests are unaware that the building services are maintained by an engineer who may not have been offered an opportunity in an ordinary company. Those enjoying coffee and cake on the terrace won’t know whether the chocolate cake was made by a pastry chef who might require slightly adapted conditions in the kitchen to create her indulgent desserts. As and when necessary, these conditions are tweaked for the staff – not the other way around as is usually the case. Notwithstanding the numerous architectural awards the project has already received, the SeeLoge is just a typical hotel.

### **It’s no spectacle**

For it all to work, the hotel strives to create a serene, tranquil environment. Not only does this cater to staff with limited mobility, it’s also a one-of-a-kind draw for all hotel guests. The minimalist simplicity and use of just a few carefully cho-

sen materials align with the tradition of Scandinavian architecture. No comes as no surprise, given that the architectural consultancy Wuttke & Ringhof Arkitekter is based in Copenhagen. Wood, concrete and Wittmund clinker bricks are the primary materials. All components are seamlessly integrated – without the spectacle of an extravagant interior design. The hotel doors are spacious yet designed to be easily accessible for people with limited mobility, including wheelchair users. This is achieved not only by the low operating forces, but also by the lever height of 850 millimetres. It is also recommended that barrier-free doors are designed in a contrasting colour to the wall. The architects adhered to this principle with the SeeLoge.

### **Interwoven**

Overnight guests park their cars at the rear of the hotel and enter the SeeLoge through a three-storey section featuring traditional northern German clinker brick with a wooden storey above. Unlike those strolling along the promenade at Lake Eutin, who notice the hotel's light wooden façade featuring typical verandas that evoke the spa architecture of the 19th century. The verandas provide privacy and create sun shading for the rooms behind. The central pathway from the car park to the terrace already mentioned offers a view over the lake towards the castle. And this link is an important one, because the SeeLoge stands in one of the city's most prominent positions. It is not the hotel's wish to appear as a solitary building. Instead, it wants to interweave with the city through this visual link without its dimension overshadowing the castle.

### **No subsidies**

This new hotel is operated by a company that helps adults with limited mobility find their way into the working world. And because the SeeLoge has to hold its own in a free market, it cannot be compared to a workspace for people with disabilities. All jobs are subject to social security contributions and are part of normal working life. As an aside, socially inclusive companies like this do not receive any subsidies. All they get is a disability compensation – which is available to all companies in the primary labour market that employ such staff. Incidentally, the Ostholsteiner Dienstleistungsgesellschaft [East Holstein Service Association], with its social inclusion concept as an operator, is easing one of the most pressing problems facing the catering and hotel industry: the severe shortage of labour. The truth is that the industry can no longer afford to be without these highly dedicated chefs and pastry chefs.

### **Combination options**

In terms of function, there are no limitations for barrier-free doors. Fire-proof, smoke-tight, acoustic-rated, wet room and composite timber doors have all been installed in the SeeLoge. Niche doors with recessed handles, which are flush-fitting with the wall when open, were also used. A total of around 150 doors were delivered, the majority of which were certified as barrier-free. The key features of these door sets



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are that they are highly visible, easy to open and close, and safe to pass through.

Like all Schörghuber solutions, barrier-free doors too can be combined with different functions, surface finishes and door frames. They have been fully tested and certified as a barrier-free system. This includes the door leaf, door frame, lever handle, lock, hinges, door closer and threshold seal. Besides size and weight, the number of seals and types of fittings are key criteria for doors to be approved as accessible. The operating forces in particular play a crucial role.

In addition to the 48 hotel room entrance doors with an acoustic insulation value of  $R_w = 42$  dB and a surface finish in matt lacquered oak veneer, seven smoke-tight doors were used in the SeeLoge – all prepared for access control. Solid timber frame doors with extensive glazing let light flood into the corridor and stairwell. Schörghuber supplies barrier-free door sets in single or double-leaf versions, as well as space-saving sliding doors without a threshold. Door leaf thicknesses of 42, 50 or 70 mm are available. There is also a broad range of functions: Fire protection is guaranteed in classes T30 and T90, acoustic insulation with  $R_w = 32, 37$  and 42 dB. In addition, the barrier-free door sets can be supplied with smoke protection and break-in resistance equipment in categories RC2 and RC3. Matching door frames are available in wood, steel or aluminium.

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## Images and captions:



**Image 2:** Reception and bar in one: The lobby of the social inclusion hotel is a great place to be.





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**Image 3:** The rooms facing the lake have a view as far as the castle.



**Image 4:** Each of the south-facing rooms has its own private balcony.



**Image 5:** There are various seating areas in the lobby. From here, a corridor leads to the conference room and other places.



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**Image 6:** A sliding door separates the lobby area from the restaurant.



**Image 7:** Schörghuber doors are fitted with automatic closing systems to ensure accessibility.





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**Image 8:** The hotel room entrance doors are acoustic-rated “Access” doors with only a single seal.



**Image 9:** The Schörghuber doors to the rooms are in contrasting colours. The niche door is discreetly concealed in the wall.



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**Image 10:** The solid timber framed door from Schörghuber with fire and smoke protection function and side element to the stairwell.



**Image 11:** The wall surfaces in the entrance niches were designed in different colours to contrast with the hotel room entrance doors.



**Image 12:** A translucent version was chosen for the entrance to the quiet room to create privacy.

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**Image 13:** Only a few of the hotel doors are painted white, the door to the fitness area being one example.

**Photos: Schörghuber**

**Construction panel:**

**Location:** Bleekergang 4 – 6, Eutin, Germany

**Building owner:** Die Ostholsteiner GmbH, Eutin, Germany

**Architect:** Wuttke & Ringhof Arkitekter, Copenhagen, Denmark

**Structural design:** KSK Ingenieure, Eutin, Germany

**Gross floor area:** 2991 m<sup>2</sup>

**Net floor area:** 2503 m<sup>2</sup>

**Completion:** 2022



**Photos:** Laura Thiesbrummel, Munich, Germany

**Processor:** Kaefer Construction GmbH, Kiel, Germany

**Hörmann products:** Two-part steel profile frame for retrofitting

**Schörghuber products:** Certified barrier-free doors; smoke-tight doors with acoustic insulation  $R_w$  37 dB, 50 mm door thickness, premium lacquered RAL 9016; hotel room entrance doors: Access acoustic-rated doors (with only a single seal),  $R_w$  42 dB, 70 mm door thickness, surface finish with veneer oak natural wood effect, matt lacquered, prepared for access control; acoustic-rated doors  $R_w$  37 db suitable for use in wet rooms, HPL Schörghuber diamond white; wet room doors; acoustic-rated doors suitable for use in wet rooms; composite timber doors 50 mm; solid timber frame doors with acoustic insulation  $R_w$  37 db with extensive glazing; wet room sliding door double-leaf, free of wood-based materials; single and double leaf fire-rated doors with  $RW$  45 db or 47 dB; solid timber frame fire-rated doors with timber block frame with aluminium recess edge and side element; solid timber frame door with transom light, automatic hinged leaf operator, total 3500 mm; acoustic-rated solid timber frame door with fixed glazing; double-leaf solid timber frame door; niche doors with fire and smoke protection function; T90 fire-rated doors; timber profile frames without decorative rebate; timber block frames with aluminium recess edge



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