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WELCOME TO THE BENE HEADOFFICE

Bene. An international corporate group that sets office trends with its concepts, products and services. The foundation upon which the Bene brand has always been based is to provide holistic solutions for office environments.

The diverse zones and areas of today's office landscapes are on display in our headoffice in Waidhofen / Ybbs. Designed as a living »laboratory« for the constantly changing office and working world.

The CompactFactory, located adjacent to the headoffice, is one of Europe's most modern office furniture factories. A flexible, process-driven just-in-time manufacturing facility with a unified data structure and optimised logistics.

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Board of Management, Bene AG



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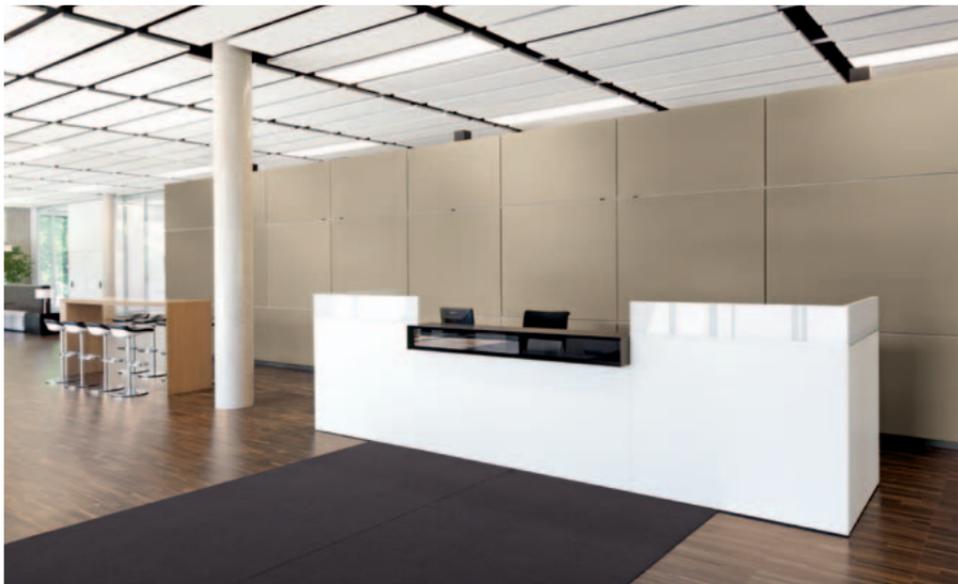
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FACTS STRUCTURAL EXPANSIONS

1790 Bene joinery founded

1950 Transition to industrial production of office and contract furniture at the factory in Zell

1976 New production hall located in Kreilhof with approx. 14,000 m² of production facilities

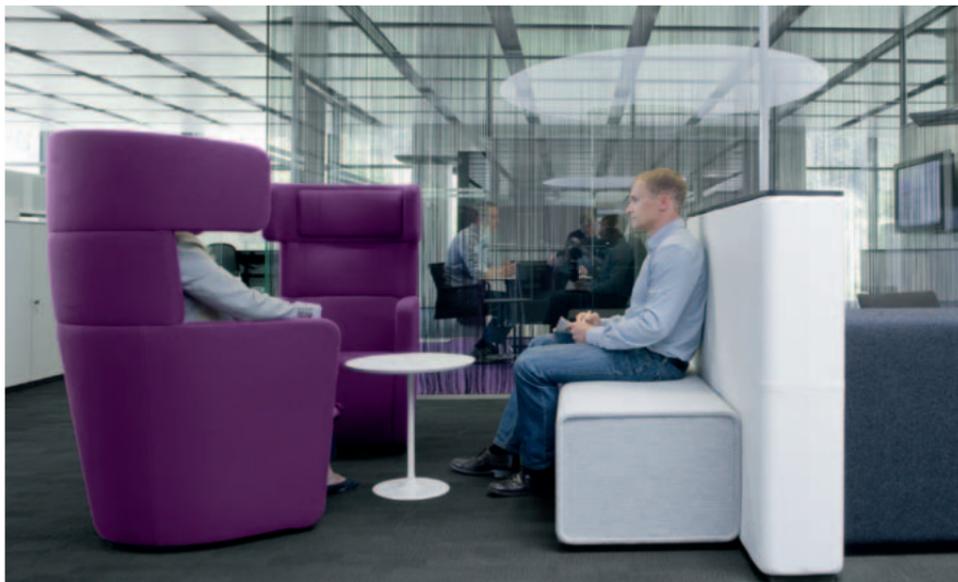
Ongoing expansions in **1980, 1982, 1985, 1987** and **1990**

1988 New headoffice at the Kreilhof location

2001 Production facilities expanded to 40,000 m²

2007 Construction of delivery hall, 42,000 m² total production space

2009 »Terminal« research and development centre





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The ground floor has an open design with a reception area, lounge, zones for collaboration and classic meeting areas. An appealing environment for communication, cooperation and concentration.

Both of the upper floors are designed in the open office format. On the first floor, the working landscape is divided into several small islands for teamwork, while the second floor has been equipped primarily with layouts conducive to work requiring concentration. Both floors have We-places at their centres, furnished with a PARCS landscape and separate meeting zones.

All in all, interior design for non-hierarchical communication that runs throughout the entire building.

DIDI LENZ, Research & Design





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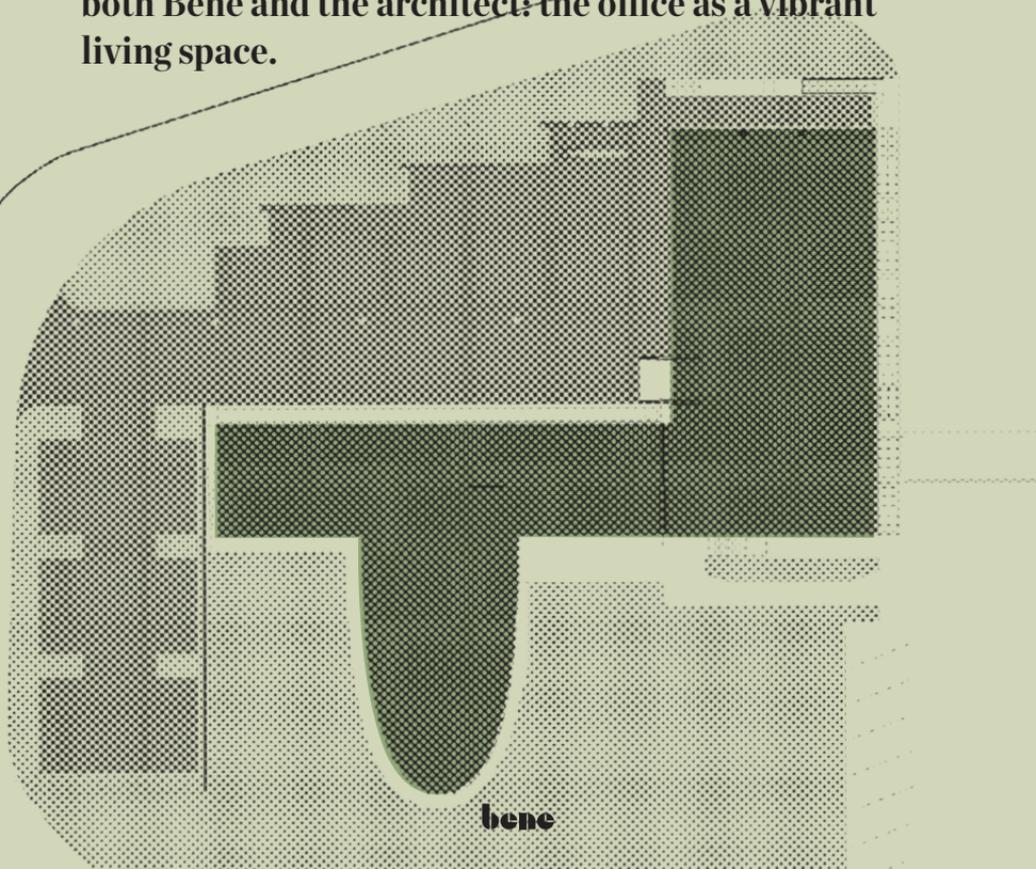




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With the original office building designed by architect Laurids Ortner in 1989, Bene established a confident symbol of modern industrial architecture. An urban statement in the middle of an impressive natural landscape.

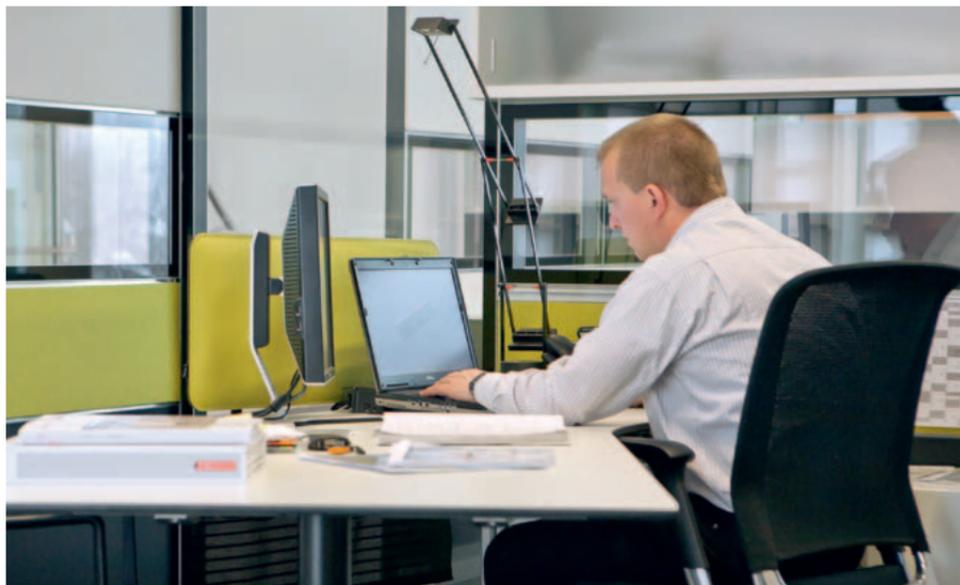
The latest expansion—a puristic cube with three floors, all made of glass—remains true to the philosophy of both Bene and the architect: the office as a vibrant living space.



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FACTS: PRODUCTION

- 1976** Modern mass production initiated
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- 1986** Transition to computer-supported order processing and production logistics
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- 1988** Start of the transition to environmentally-friendly UV water-based varnishes in industrial manufacturing processes
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- 1992** Partially autonomous “factory within factory” working groups concept set up including interface organisation and handling of shortfall quantities
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- 1998** Production-optimised process design
Transition from batch production for interim storage to continuous-flow production
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- 1999** Start of the CompactFactory project
Transition to just-in-time manufacturing, concept of working in teams launched
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- 2002** Production focussed on four product segments
Development of order-specific manufacturing based on a consistent data structure and optimised logistics
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- 2004** Establishment of a production metrics system
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- 2005** Transition from own transportation to an outside forwarding company to reduce empty runs
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- 2006** Certified ISO 9001 and 14001
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- 2008** All Bene products are LGA-tested for toxins
Bene becomes an Austrian model business
Reduction of heating oil consumption by approx. 50%
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- 2009** Sustainable Product Award Austria, PEFC certification, FISP certification
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- 2010** Member of the UN Global Compact and respACT
Blauer Engel (Blue Angel) and Austrian Eco-Label for all products
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ANNUAL OUTPUT

100,000 workplaces furnished, 600,000 individual furniture units,
35,000 metres of wall, 4,700 container trucks



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