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**Architecture: Fritsch + Tschaidse Architekten, Munich**  
**Interior design: Andreas A. P. Anetseder, Munich**

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Institute for Advanced Study (IAS)  
Lichtenbergstrasse 2 a  
Garching (near Munich)

Completion: 2010  
Products:  
**temptation C-base,**  
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**chairs**



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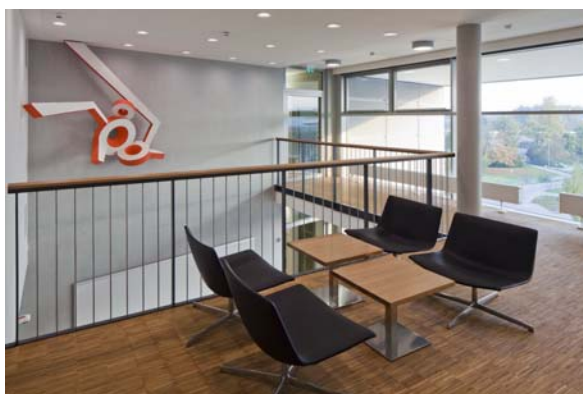


By building the IAS for the Technical University of Munich, classified as one of the country's outstanding educational establishments, the BMW Group created a place of inspiration, a meeting location and a space for cooperation for scientists from all over the world. The open and transparent building with a floor space of just under 2,000 square metres fits perfectly into the urban planning concept of the Garching campus. It has the effect of an optical point of termination on the north side of the site. The base of the building offers space for a reception area, a cafeteria, an open-air terrace and an auditorium. On the upper three floors, there are workstations for up to 90 scientists, a café, a large events room and a fireplace room. All in all, the ground plan promotes communication and cooperation but also has spaces where people can withdraw to. The design of the communal spaces is based on the faculty clubs of American elite universities. As a result, there is nothing to impede the university's ideal of "high risk, high reward". New and unorthodox projects with potential are pursued, free of bureaucratic red tape.

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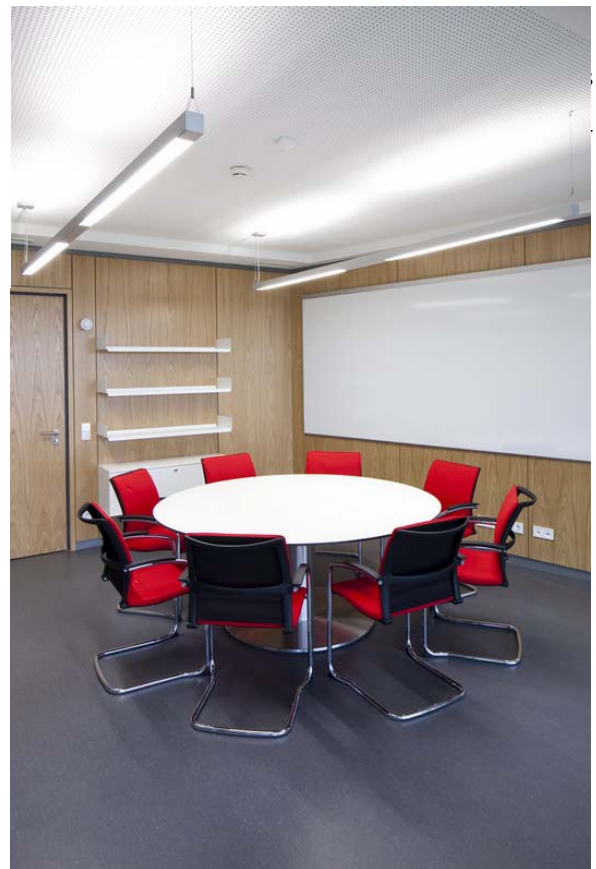
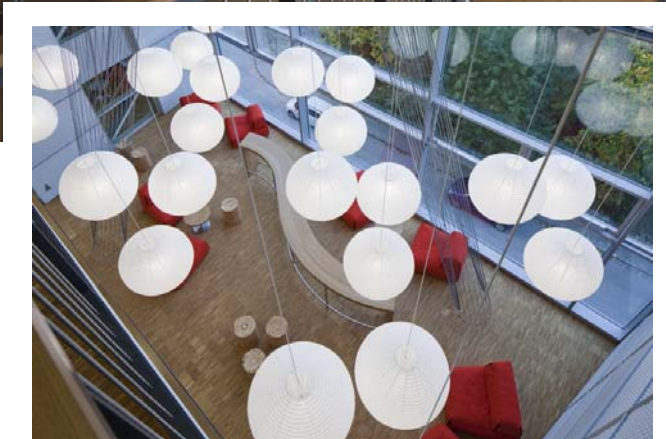
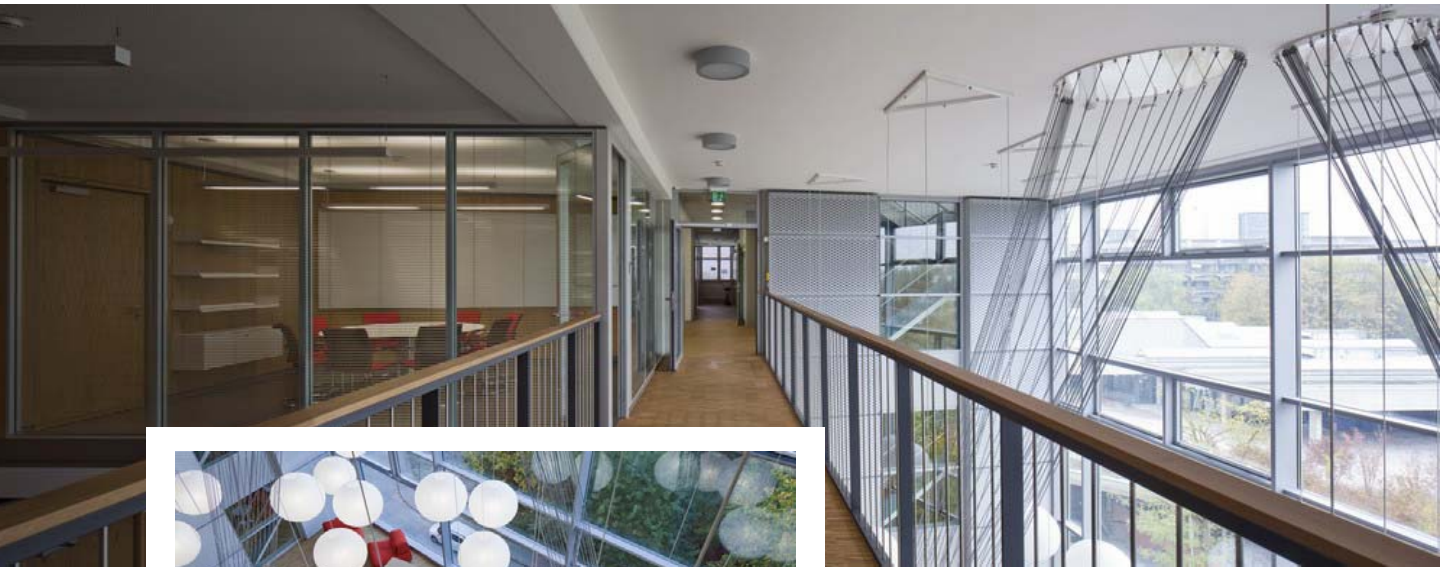


Numerous, different communication spaces foster the exchange of ideas and stimulate discourse among scientists: from the spacious lounges and event rooms to the fireplace room.  
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For the 90 scientists, there are single and double workstations as well as some larger spaces. The workstations were fitted out with desks from the **temptation** series. The **crossline** swivel chairs here serve as a model for photos.

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The TUM bundles its leading research activities in the new Institute for Advanced Study. "Giving free rein to the creativity of our best minds is the most efficient way to ensure the progress of science. This is our credo", said the president in justification of the TUM's central purpose. Carefully designed rest spaces and a library round off the spatial infrastructure. Photos: © Maximilian Gottwald