

The background of the cover is an abstract architectural photograph. It features a series of overlapping, organic, shell-like structures in shades of blue, green, and yellow. A large, dark, curved structure with a row of glowing red lights is visible in the upper right. The overall lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and shadows, creating a sense of depth and movement. The left side of the cover has a vertical band of a textured, reddish-brown material.

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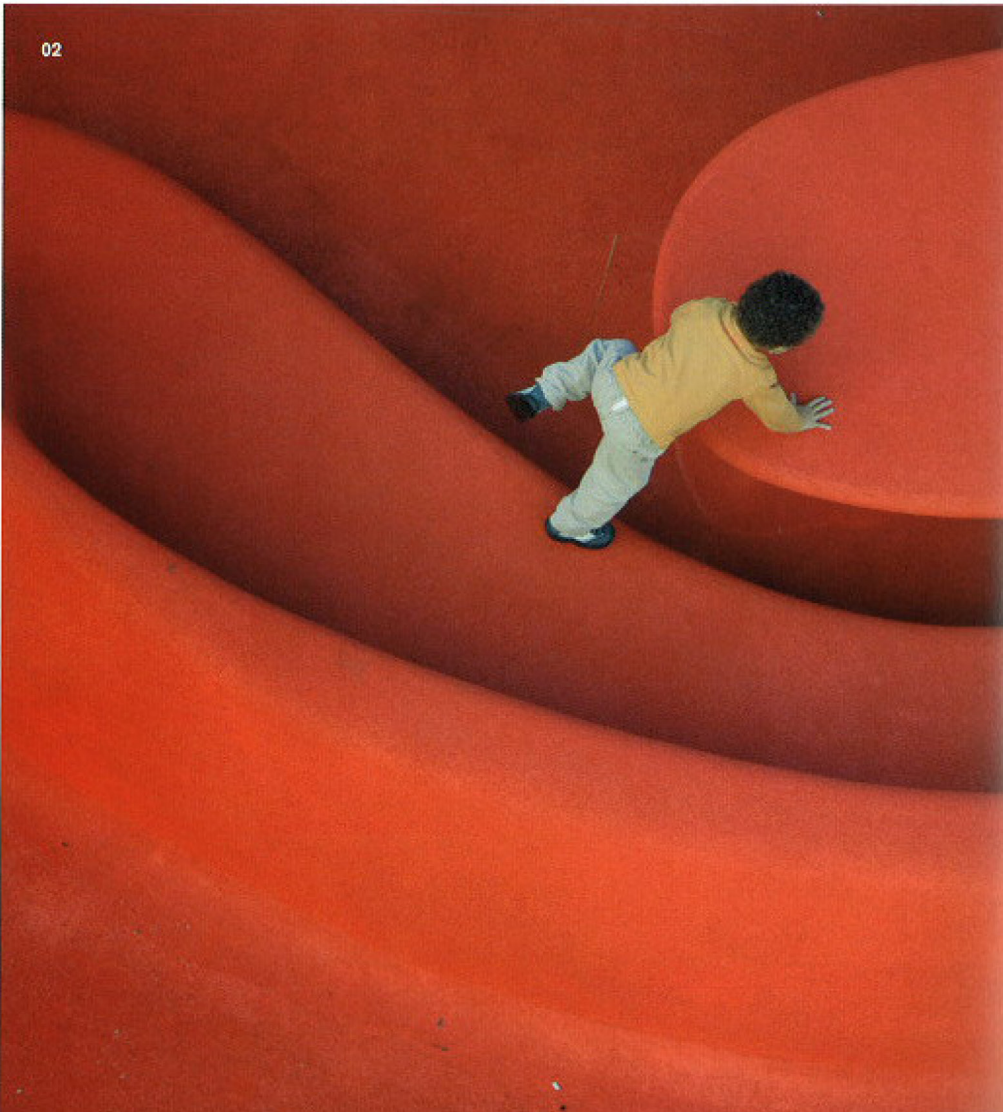
Public space city lounge St. Gallen, 2005
Address: Vadianstrasse, Schreinerstrasse, Gartenstrasse and Kornhausstrasse, St. Gallen, Switzerland.
Client: City of St. Gallen & Verband der Raiffeisenbank. **Gross floor area:** 4,400 m². **Materials:** traffic signs, trees, hydrocarbon polymer granulated rubber.

Paint the town red

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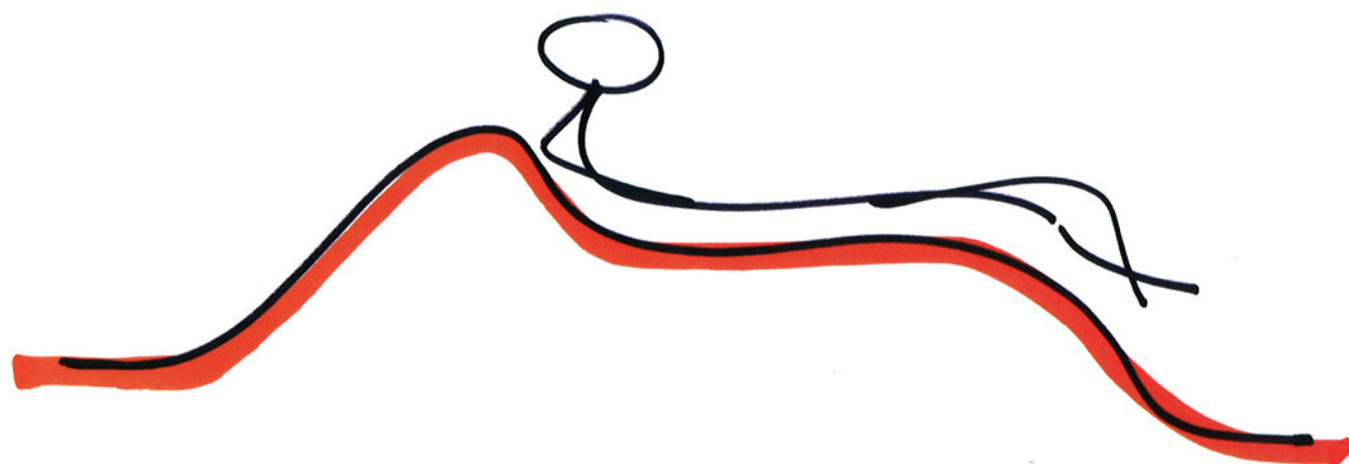


The newly-designed Raiffeisen complex, located on what used to be a falling apart collection of open space and traffic routing structures, was charged with bringing the area together into one whole. The space should become an inviting place continuous with the central pedestrian zone. All plazas, empty spaces and traffic surfaces were united into a public "lounge" using fire-alarm red, unusually soft floor covering made of rubber granulate. The homely, pleasant to the touch carpeting also covers all free-standing furniture elements like seating, benches and tables like a large drape. The relationship between outer and inner space is reversed and breaks our usual visual associations with public space, forming an optical blur at the border between leisure, pedestrian and traffic areas. The affixed signs give the impression that they are only temporarily placed exhibition pieces. The greenery that includes four large ginkgo trees, and lights with abstract shapes filling out the top of the space, complete the production.



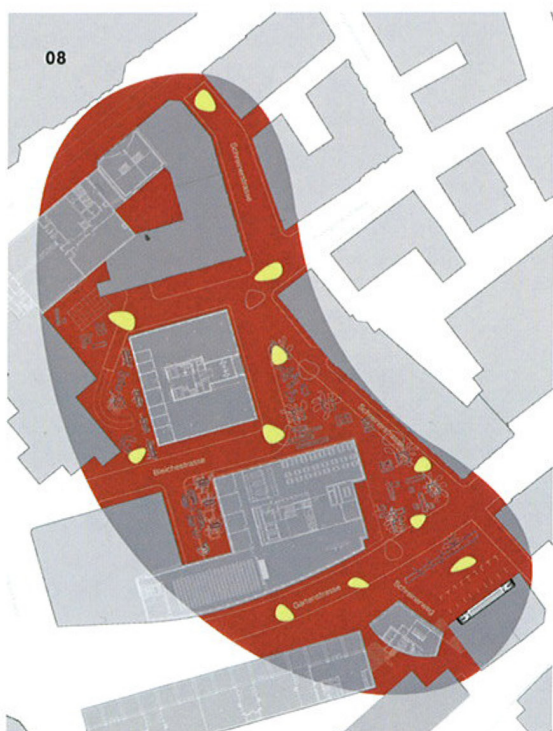


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