

# SIGGE

## Finnish Embassy in Berlin

The Finnish Embassy in Berlin won the Best building in the world prize by Arup World Architecture Awards in Hong Kong in 2001.

The Finnish Embassy is light, transparent and vivid. It stands in contrast to the copper wall which is opaque, dense and mineral. The building is a combination of simplicity and clarity, which creates both Finnish national identity and prominent and timeless surroundings for the activities of the embassy. The interior is dominated by a sequence of spaces which traverse the building. It starts from the entrance and goes through a central hall and ends in a small external courtyard. The copper wall behind the courtyard has an opening out to the surrounding townscape. The circulating aluminium stair and the birch covered conference room, which is suspended above the skylit central hall, contribute to the complexity of these spaces.

Photos: Jussi Tiainen

<b>Location</b>	Berlin, Germany
<b>Client</b>	Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland
<b>Year</b>	1999
<b>Size</b>	1 860 m <sup>2</sup>



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