

KAUFHAUS SCHOCKEN CHEMNITZ

Highest **quality** • **adaptable** LED lighting • flush, non-reflective **surfaces** • **precise** climate control • best **technical standard**

The listed museum building was built according to plans by the famous architect Erich Mendelsohn and opened on 15 May 1930 as *Kaufhaus Schocken* (Schocken Department Store).

Operated until 1945 as a *Mercur* sales outlet, then as HOWA and *Centrum Warenhaus*, and finally from 1990 to 2001 as *Kaufhof*, the building can look back on a 71-year history as a department store.

The exhibitions are located in the so-called "bays" directly on the window façade of the former department store. Bay areas are separated from the permanent archaeological exhibition by walls erected parallel to the window façade and thereby each forms a curved, long room. Along the window, a chronological timeline with important biographical data and historical events in all three exhibitions offers a chronological orientation. Due to the design of the over 180 display cabinets, such as the extra white safety glazing and the high precision, processed silver anodised aluminium frames, the exhibits seem to float. The display cabinets merge with the surroundings and thus place the exhibits even more in the foreground. The conservationally impeccable LED display cabinet lighting is also adjustable according to RGB light colours and can be colourfully adapted to the environment. Cold and warm lighting moods make the extremes in the exhibition sensually perceivable. The over 50 active and over 100 passive climate controls ensure the perfect relative humidity in the display cabinets in order to create the best conditions for the exhibits. The active climate control is guided into the display cabinets from a central point through hose lines. Flush-mounted monitors and glass surfaces create a harmonious look of the dull-matt lacquered surfaces. A precise alignment of the display cabinets, matching the floor lines, ensures a uniform overall appearance of the room.

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Sehner Museumseinrichtungen und Vitrinenbau (museum facilities and display cabinet construction)



Object data:

Staatliches Museum für Archäologie
(State Museum of Archaeology)
Stefan-Heym-Platz 1
09111 Chemnitz
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Description: 180 pc all-glass display cabinets, hood display cabinets, LED lighting technology, leak-tested, tested for harmful substances.
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