



The History of the Sorellhotel Zunfthaus zum Rüden

The building of the Sorell Hotel Zunfthaus zum Rüden exists since the 15th Century. It was confirmed in 1423 as a guildhall, when the huckster guild that house "zum schwarzen Rüden" to their new meeting point assigned. The guild masters at this time, Hans Wahlwieser and Mathys Ran bought the house "zum schwarzen Rüden" from the monastery women of St. Katharinental.

In the 18th century the huckster guild and the trader guild had a challenge, who has got the bigger and the more magnificent guild house.

Johan Ludwig Peyer, the guild master at this time, did everything to rebuilt that huckster guild house into a Palazzo. There were the best artists from the whole region and he let a master guild from Ticino and the adjacent Lombardy over the Gotthard come to design and compile a admirable plastering. Different architects as well as the stuccoer Carlo Ghezzi drew the plans for the Palazzo. The construction of the building last 4 years, from 1779 until 1783.

With the breakdown of the old authority, the guild houses lost their acceptance and get sold out. In October 1862 the baker Jakob Ermatinger bought the guildhall "zum Rüden". At this time the building was alienated by his function by different reconstructions. At the ground floor were some displayed windows and in 1947 was the reconstruction of the ancient guildhall into a clothes shop. The beautiful plastered ceiling disappeared under a boarding and the wall decoration get thumped down.

In 1994 purchased the donation "academia of further education" the former "Zunfthaus zum Rüden" to use the building with a reactivation concept. The house came under a interfering, stylistic renovation, which mostly comprehend the facades, the portico, the beautiful guildhall and the imposing staircase. The domestic stuccoer Werner and Fridolin Schlatter reconstructed on the basis of ancient pictures and outlines the wall plastering.



The ceiling plastering, which the two men found under a boarding, get restored and the two displaced the ballroom into his old glory.

In the new "Zunftthaus zum Rüden" detained the people now courses, advanced training as well as congresses and conferences in the area of medical science, the humanities and the social science. Sadly the academia of further education was in a financial distress, and the guild house was forced sale.

In 2002, after a few changes, Ferdinand Hoekstra assumed the total direction of the Hotel and the "Zunftthaus zum Rüden". In the same year the building was Sold to the ZFV-enterprise in Zürich and was affiliated by a very young hotel chain, the Sorellhotels (www.sorellhotels.com).

The "Zunftthaus zum Rüden" has got 30 elegant and modern arranged rooms and is a complete Non-Smoking hotel. 6 meeting rooms, a restaurant for hotel guests and a wonderful, ancient and precious guildhall complete the bargain. A cyber café on the second floor, international cuisine for banquettes and a comfortable lobby on the ground floor for a last drink in the evening approximate the bargain.

Our hotel has got own Wireless-Lan system, which is estimated by businesspeople most of the time.

Welcome in Sorell Hotel Rüden. Sorell Hotels-The casual art of living.

We wish you a comfortable stay in our Hotel Rüden.

Kindest regards

Ferdinand Hoekstra, hotelmanager

Circuit and sightseeing of Sorell Hotel Rüden is possible after appointment.