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seele wins award for interior glazing of st. patrick's cathedral in new york

New York, September 2018. The renowned US-American magazine "Glass Magazine" announced the winners of its annual award, which honors the best products and constructions of the glass and metal industry. seele was awarded in the category "Most Innovative Interior Glass Rails, Walls and Doors" for the project St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. The winners, selected by a jury which includes well-known experts of the glass industry, will be presented in Glass Magazine's September 2018 issue.

"We are proud to be awarded with the Glass Magazine Award 2018 for the all-glass structure of St. Patrick's Cathedral. A remarkable design detail of the 82sqm large interior façade are the glass panels which have a weight of up to 2.5t and are supported by just one 8-ply glass beam. Thus, the construction seems exceptionally transparent and weightless," says Michael Steinhuelb, President of seele, Inc. in New York.

seele was commissioned with the design, fabrication, and installation for this project. In order to not disturb the existing architecture, the design intended an all-glass structure, which is perfectly integrated into the building. In the upper section, the façade consists of approx. 10.7 x 2.4m large façade panes, made of 3 x 12mm laminated safety glass, supported by a 7m long glass beam. The integrated glass doors in the lower section are set slightly further forward in order to preserve the chapel's original mosaic floor. Furthermore, a special highlight are the façade's all around brass trims, which are specially designed to match the shape of the existing columns. "With this project we have proven once more that we are experts in all-glass structures," says Michael Steinhuelb.

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The seele group of companies, with headquarters in Gersthofen near Munich, is one of the world's top addresses for the design and construction of façades and complex building envelopes made from glass, steel, aluminium, membranes and other high-tech materials. The technology leader in façade construction was founded in 1984 by master glazier Gerhard Seele and steelwork engineer Siegfried Gossner.

Based on a profound understanding of design and materials, seele provides everything necessary for ambitious one-off designs true to the original ideas of engineers and architects. The seele group offers its building sector and industrial customers a complete package of services, ranging from R&D, individual advice and joint conceptual design right up to the planning, detailed design and construction of their projects. seele's own production plants for technologically challenging designs and the group's own erection crews on site provide a guarantee of the very highest quality "made by seele".

About 1,000 employees work at the seele around the world, together generating an annual turnover of more than €200 million.

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82sqm interior façade for St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. ©Stephan Wurster



7m 8-ply-glass beam which supports the 10.7 x 2.4m large façade panels.
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All around brass trims were specially designed to match the shape of the existing columns. ©Stephan Wurster