

COPPER AND TIMBER SHORELINE

by Chris Hodson

This cleverly designed boathouse on the shore of Austria's Millstätter See lake divides land and water with its rigorous use of materials. Over the lake, the simple box form is clad in varying width horizontal slats of Siberian larch. At the lower level, folding door elements are integrated within the facades, doubling-up as access decks when open to reveal the boat store and other outside activity areas. The land-side is clearly defined by a veil of expanded copper panels. Both materials were selected for their natural weathering characteristics.

Detailing of the copper facades is almost rustic in character. The expanded metal was simply folded around an aluminium frame, forming panels that were then directly screwed onto the substructure. The expanded copper also forms an external handrail with integrated LED strip lighting, as well as sliding window shutters on the timber facade. The material language continues inside, including expanded copper staircase ballustrading and entrance door cladding.

Architect: MIM architects, Vienna
Copper Installer: Lendorfer Schmiede
Copper Product: TECU® Classic_mesh



