Inlaid Linoleum Process and its Relation to Schatzalp

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# 1 Inlaid Linoleum at Schatzalp

## 1.1 Introduction

The current mountain hotel on Schatzalp, built between 1898 and 1900 by the Zurich architects Otto Pfleghard & Max Haefeli, was originally a sanatorium and spa. Schatzalp belongs to the tradition of numerous sanatoria that were built in the Alps at that time, since the fresh air and sunlight in the mountains were considered healing, especially for the lung disease tuberculosis. Schatzalp was aimed at the upper class of society, which was reflected in the luxurious furnishings of the hotel and the extravagant lifestyle of the patients. After the first effective drugs against tuberculosis became available at the end of the 1940s, sanatoria for lung patients became obsolete. The sanatorium on Schatzalp was therefore converted into a hotel between 1953 and 1954. However, the traces of its original use are deeply embedded in the architecture of the building and are still visible today.