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The capital city of Styria, Graz, is not exactly famous for wild jungle animals. But there is a “Black Panther” at the Liebenauer Tangente. This is what the MP09, the office building of an optics company, is known as by the natives and staff. And, in fact, its mysterious dark gloss makes the building, resting on its bases with the spectacular protruding bow, look like a panther ready to pounce. The Graz-based GSarchitects designed an architectural sculpture that is intentionally conspicuous in its urban environment. In the words of GSarchitects, “Architecture can be anything: functional, pragmatic, poetic, urban, or aesthetic. For us, the MP09 does not only have a bit of all these features - it’s got it all.” The dynamic quality of the architecture is enhanced by the use of StoVentec™ Glass: the black glass panels reflect their environment, which is continuously in motion. People, traffic, clouds, the course of the sun – the building itself is a platform for a continuously changing drama.