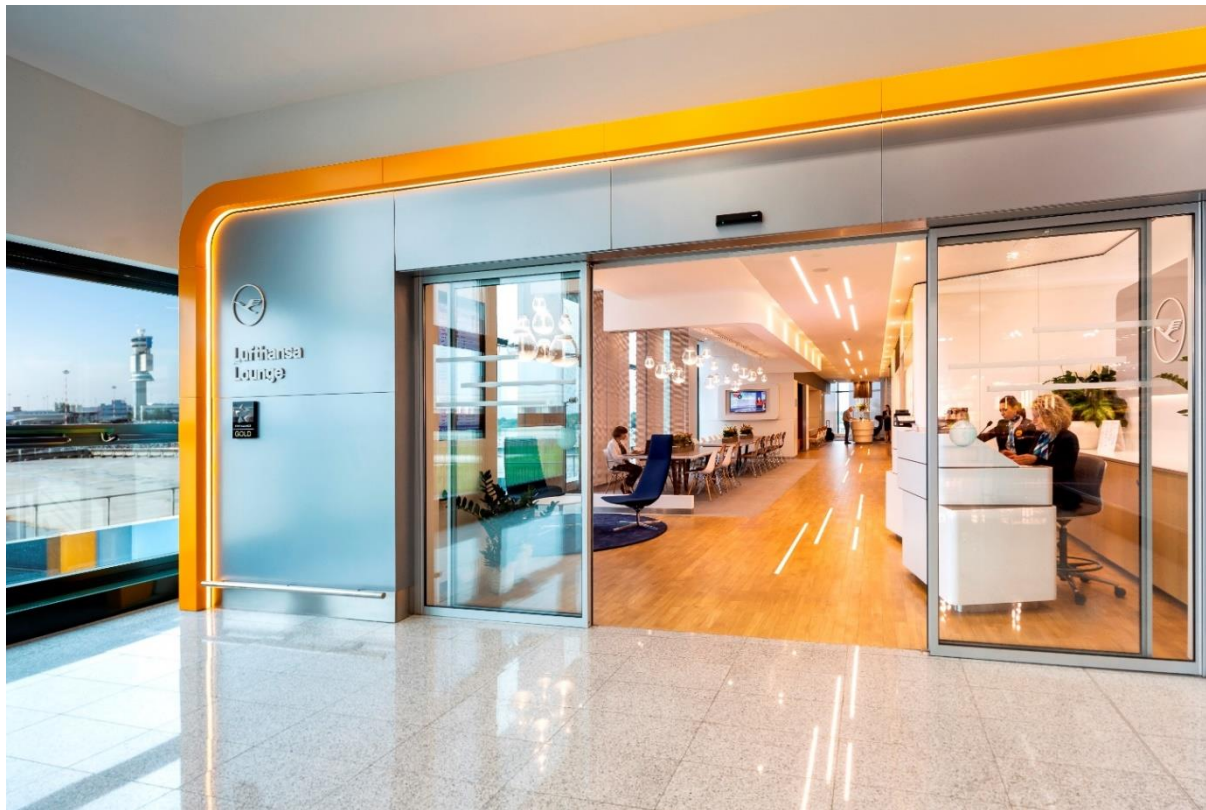


A new Lufthansa Lounge at Milan Airport: La Dolce Vita with HI-MACS®



The days of small windows, little daylight, remote locations and crowded interiors for airport lounges are long gone. A new concept brought the **Lufthansa Lounge at Milan's Malpensa Airport** to a more central location. With a total space of nearly 550 square metres, the area in **Terminal 1A** offers passengers of the airline ample space – including a view of the airport ramp. Open spaces reflect generosity, while numerous retreat areas offer privacy.

The new Lounge is a pilot project for the **new Lufthansa Lounge Concept redesigned by Kitzig Design Studios**. The designers retained the characteristic curved lines featuring in existing Lufthansa Lounges worldwide, by using the **LG Hausys HI-MACS® Solid Surface material**. Rounded corners are reminiscent of the aerodynamic design of planes, creating a subtle reference to the airline. In order to provide each Lounge with a high recognition value within the world of Lufthansa, the new concept is also finished with typical local elements.

As soon as visitors enter the new Lounge, they experience a touch of Milan's chic. Light strips recessed in the floor and the ceiling lead the passengers past an elegant brilliant white counter made of **HI-MACS® Alpine White**, directly to the centre of the bright and generously designed Lounge.



A free-standing oval food counter with a shelf suspended above it, reflecting the basic geometric shape, forms the heart of the Lufthansa Lounge in Milan. For a durable high-quality execution of the curved elements, Kitzig Design Studios chose the **HI-MACS®** Solid Surface material in **Lunar Sand** colour. The thermoformable Solid Surface material consists of minerals, acrylic and natural pigments.



At the same time, the non-porous surface does not allow bacteria, mould or dirt to grow, thus complying with all hygiene requirements. With its tough characteristics, **HI-MACS®** can also handle the heavy-duty use in public areas.



For this reason, not only the central food counter and the suspended shelves but also the high tables, the laterally placed main bar and the partitions were all made of **HI-MACS®**. They were designed with the non-porous Solid Surface material in **Alpine White**.

While the free-standing counter for serving snacks is a reminiscence of the typical Italian “aperitivo”, other elements also provide a connection to Milan: for example, the walkway from the entrance to the food counter is highlighted with light strips recessed in the floor and the ceiling, resembling a catwalk, and reflecting Milan as the City of fashion. At the same time, and in line with the airport setting, it could be associated with a runway. This successful interior design with durable Solid Surface material furniture and fittings already received the renowned German Design Award 2019 and is very popular with visitors of the Lufthansa Lounge.

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PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project: Lufthansa Lounge at Milan Airport

Location: Milan, Italy

Building contractor: Deutsche Lufthansa AG

Area: 5920.150 ft² (550 m²)

Design: Kitzig Design Studios GmbH & Co. KG, München, www.kitzig.com; **Project Managers:** Viki Kitzig, Dipl.-Ing. Arch.; Olga Bartuli, Dipl.-Ing. Interior Des.

Furniture: Food counter, high tables, partitions, suspended shelves, shelving, reception counter

Material: HI-MACS®, Alpine White and Lunar Sand, www.himacs.eu

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Award: German Design Award Special 2019

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HI-MACS® provides limitless possibilities for surfacing solutions and inspires creative minds from all over the world. **Zaha Hadid, Jean Nouvel, Rafael Moneo, Karim Rashid, Marcel Wanders** and **David Chipperfield**, among others, have completed fabulous projects using HI-MACS®.

At the forefront of innovation as always, LG Hausys recently introduced two new products. First **HI-MACS Structura®**, a 3D textured panel material that takes solid surface opportunities to a new level. And now **HI-MACS® Ultra-Thermoforming**, an innovative formula that pushes the boundaries of solid surface shaping to a whole new level, with 30% more thermoplastic capabilities - the biggest innovation for the Solid Surface history since its inception in 1967.

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HI-MACS® is manufactured using a new generation technology, the **thermal cure**. The temperature reached during the manufacturing process sets HI-MACS® apart from other solid surfaces and creates a denser, even more homogeneous, sturdy, durable surface – with a better resistance and superior thermoforming performance.

HI-MACS® does not absorb humidity, is highly resistant to stains, and is easy to clean, maintain and repair.

Countless internationally recognized certificates attest to the quality of HI-MACS® in terms of ecological commitment, hygiene and fire resistance – being the first Solid Surface in the market to receive the official **European Technical Approval (ETA) for façades** – for Alpine White S728 colour.

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