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COMPLETION OF MONKEY 47 SCHWARZWALD DRY GIN DISTILLERY

PHILIPP MAINZER OFFICE FOR ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN completes the construction of a high end distillery with adjacent head offices for Black Forest Distillers in the rural community of 24 Höfe near Loßburg, Germany – where the roots of the Schwarzwald Dry Gin Monkey 47 originate. Comprising a total of 1,400 sqm, the project led by Philipp Mainzer features the production and distillery building, a degustation and tasting space as well as a landmarked grain storehouse, which is the historic heart of the estate and which functions as a small museum featuring the ingredients of the gin.

In close cooperation with Monkey 47, Philipp Mainzer developed an architectural concept which points out the distillery as a rural, pre-industrial business site, focusing on the product, the renowned dry gin Monkey 47. With a special emphasis on local craftsmanship and a devotion to elaborate detail, primarily local materials were used, conveying authenticity and simple functionality. The design of the façade is based on an interplay of shingled and clad wood fronts, plastered wall surfaces and small-scale window structures as well as extensive glass and steel elements. In addition to the installation of a new lighting system, PHILIPP MAINZER removed all distracting elements of the interior, creating a clean space with pure lines and surfaces, referencing local construction methods.

The 1,150 sqm production site consists of three buildings with functional and representative character comprising delivery and storage, maceration, offices, degustation and tasting space as well as a traditional 'Schwarzwaldstube'. Applying material typical of the Black Forest region, the buildings allow visitors to experience the entire production process from delivery of the ingredients to the finished product. For the interior fit out of the representative rooms, tables, benches and stools from e15's David Chipperfield collection are used. For the office space, e15 table PONTE and bench CALLE were specified, adding warmth and comfort to the space.

Featuring the materials copper, brass and stainless steel, the 150 sqm distillery building with extra high ceilings houses the core of the Monkey 47 Black Forest Distillery: a custom designed distillery boiler built by the German copper smith Arnold Holstein. Large steel windows provide ample daylight and a great view into the valley and the surrounding landscape.

The 120 sqm landmarked grain storage has been completely gutted and refitted with a contrasting, modern staircase and mezzanine, presenting itself as in ideal location for showcasing the original ingredients of Monkey 47.

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FACTS

Client:	Black Forest Distillers GmbH
Location:	Loßburg, 24 Höfe
Status:	Completed
Date:	01/2014 – 10/2015
Programme:	1,420 sqm

CREDITS

Architectural/Interior Design:	PHILIPP MAINZER OFFICE FOR ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN, planning phases 1-3, 5, 6 and 7, 8
Team:	Philipp Knierim, Felix Schwantje, Renaud Clerel, Yue Hua, Yasaman Deylami, Dorothee Mainka
Lighting:	Bolichwerke, Deltalight, THPG, Modular, BEGA, PHILIPP MAINZER OFFICE FOR ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN
Furniture:	e15, Vitra

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MONKEY 47 – SCHWARZWALD DRY GIN

Launched in autumn 2010, dry gin Monkey 47 is based on the eccentric recipe of Montgomery Collins. 47 hand picked herbal ingredients prepared in soft black forest spring water are contained in the recipe. Montgomery's life stages in the first half of the twentieth century provide the autobiographical background for the composition: a childhood as the son of a diplomat on the subcontinent, a military career among the ruins of Berlin, and his late-adopted home in the Black Forest. Monkey 47 is thus not just another gin but more a case of Bollenhut, turban and bowler – a batch distilled and unfiltered gin that skilfully unites British traditions, the exoticness of India, and the purity and nativeness of the Black Forest; a Schwarzwald Dry Gin.

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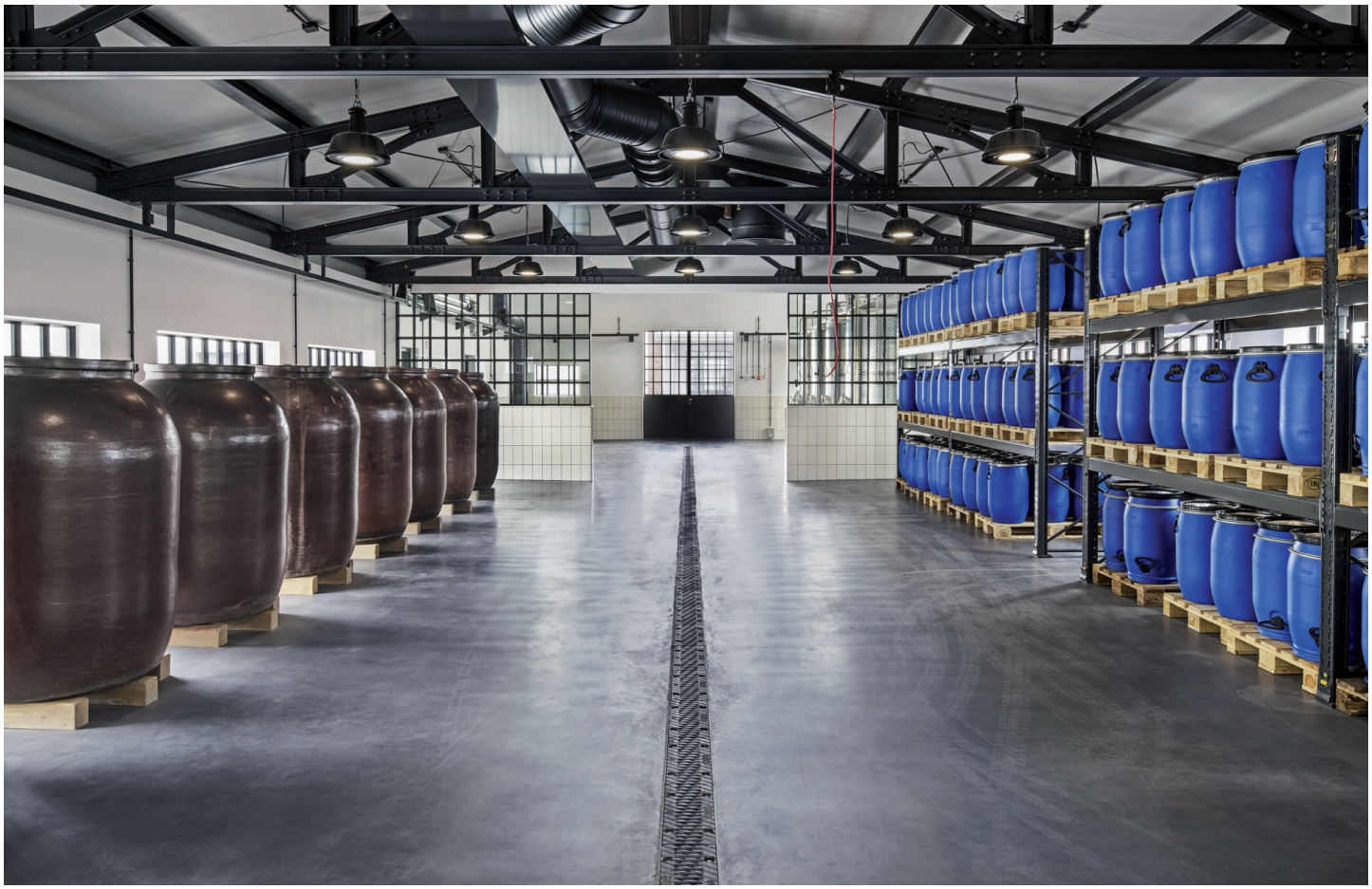

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