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Ringturm explores the transformation of Vienna and Budapest

Austrian Federal Chancellor Christian Stocker opens "Global Cities: Vienna – Budapest" at the Ringturm

On Monday evening, 9 November, Vienna and Budapest took centre stage at the Ringturm – not only from an architectural perspective. High-ranking political representatives from both countries attended the opening of the exhibition "Global Cities: Vienna – Budapest", officially inaugurated by Austrian Federal Chancellor **Christian Stocker**. Among the distinguished guests were **Zoltán Tarr**, Hungary's Minister for Social Relations and Culture, **Gergely Karácsony**, Mayor of Budapest, and **Michael Ludwig**, Mayor and Governor of Vienna. Numerous other guests accepted the invitation of Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein, including **Edit Szilágyiné Bátorfi**, Hungarian Ambassador to Austria.

"Global Cities: Vienna – Budapest" marks the conclusion of a three-part exhibition series exploring the parallel development of the two Danube metropolises. Following "Danube Metropolises" (1870–1920) and "Metropolises" (1920–1970), the third instalment focuses on the past five decades. At its heart is the year 1989 and the fall of the Iron Curtain, while the exhibition spans the period from the 1970s to the present day. Across eight thematic sections, photographs and accompanying texts trace the transformation of both cities, highlighting their similarities as well as their different paths of development.

The exhibition is open to the public free of charge until 5 March 2027 at the Ringturm Exhibition Centre (Schottenring 30, 1010 Vienna).

Opening hours:
Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
(Closed on public holidays, 24 December and 31 December)

Impressions from the exhibition opening are available at:
https://www.wst-versicherungsverein.at/en/sponsoring-press/global-cities/

Detailed information and press photos of selected buildings are available at:
www.airt.at/en/

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