



SALZBURG, Austria — This city is well known as the birthplace of Mozart, the backdrop for the *Sound of Music* and simply for being a beautiful place. But thanks to worldwide interest in caffeinated energy drinks and Dietrich Mateschitz's desire to share his love of aircraft and race cars, one of this city's newest places to visit is known as Hangar 7 & 8.



Located at the Salzburg Airport, Hangar 7 & 8 could be called the Red Bull toy box. It is where Mateschitz, who co-founded Red Bull in 1987, stores all his coolest toys. It is a massive glass-enclosed hangar complete with a changing collection of airplanes belonging to the Flying Bulls. It's also got an assortment of Formula 1 cars sponsored by Red Bull, along with a handful of racing motorcycles as well.





All summer long a busy flying schedule keeps four full-time pilots and a handful of part-time pilots in the air most of the time. Whether flying a graceful aerobatic routine in the F4U Corsair, flying to a nearby lake in the Cessna Caravan (on amphibious floats) or transporting VIPs to an F1 race in the vintage DC-6, these guys enjoy some of the best aviation jobs in the world.









OE-IDM arricoone Falcon business jet, the DC-6 behind it and the Eurocopter n front. EU



The tiny jet-powered Bede BD-5 arrived just before Christmas. Sitting with its wings removed for overhaul.



At the center of Hangar 7's ceiling hangs an unusual meeting room. Building codes require two exits for every room, so in addition to the winding walkway, there is a box with a ladder on the near side for a quick exit.







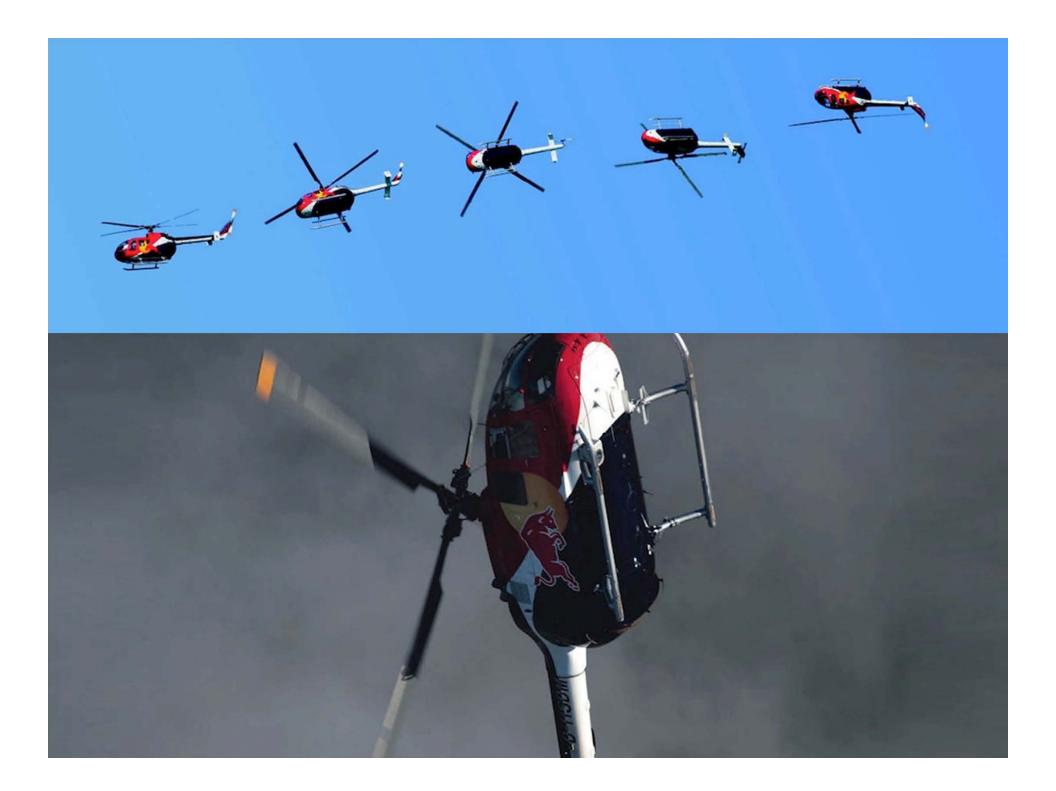
Of all the planes in Hangar 7, this is the only one that does not belong to the Flying Bulls. Mateschitz owns this Piper Super Cub. It occupies a special place in the collection, because it is the aircraft in which Mateschitz learned to fly. He still flies it today. Many winters the Super Cub, like most Austrians, dons skis for flying in the snow.





B-25 has a leather lounge in the nose bubble.

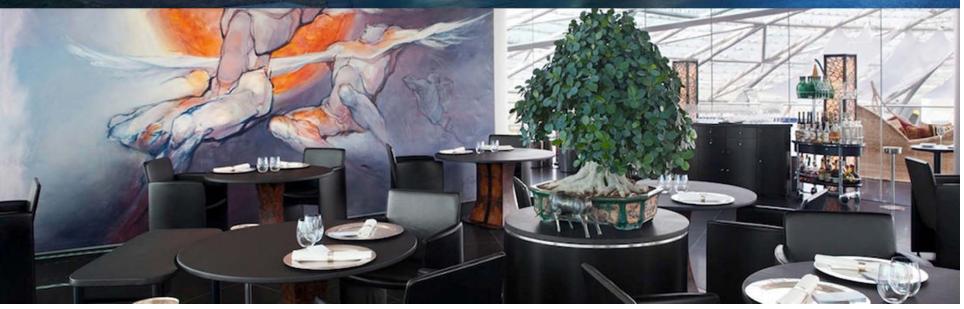








Gourmet restaurant - Ikarus









The Pilatus PC-6 Porter in the slide before this one is used to carry the Red Bull skydivers. This what they look like after leaving a perfectly good airplane.











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One of the four Dornier Alpha Jets flown by Red Bull pilots. The jets are former military trainers and were bought from the German Air Force. Fully aerobatic and with two seats, they're often used to give the ultimate VIP ride.



The beautiful museum/hangar is made of glass from China. It has a gourmet restaurant, Ikarus, open for lunch and dinner. It is open from 9 AM to 10 PM and it is free admission.



Music: If You Ever Think of Me

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