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<u>THICOM – Tugendhat Villa renewal</u> <u>was supervised by experts</u>

Prior to the monument restoration of the Tugendhat Villa, the Brno City Council appointed an International Advisory Team of experts for professional supervision of the restoration of the Tugendhat Villa in line with the requirements of monument preservation - THICOM (Tugendhat House International Committee). Its members were appointed in January 2010. The team was chaired by art historian and restorer Ivo Hammer, husband of Daniela Hammer-Tugendhat - youngest daughter of the Tugendhats commissioning the villa construction - who became honorary chairperson of THICOM. This international team had a positive influence on the progress of the restoration of the site and the comments it raised made it an important partner during renewal work on this Brno landmark.

"THICOM was appointed by the City of Brno to take part in the restoration of the Tugendhat Villa and, first and foremost, to supervise and comment on the work in progress. I am convinced that it has fulfilled its task as the experience of domestic and international experts contributed to a successful outcome. I wish to express my thanks to all team members for their work" said Mayor of Brno, Mr. Roman Onderka.

THICOM - members:

Iveta Černá / Brno, in charge of protocol; Thomas Danzl / Dresden; Wessel de Jonge / Rotterdam; Alex Dill / Karlsruhe; Daniela Hammer-Tugendhat / Wien, honorary chairperson of the committee; Ivo Hammer / Wien, chairperson of the committee; Petr Kroupa / Brno; Karel Ksandr / Praha; Helmut Reichwald / Stuttgart; Arthur Rüegg / Zürich; Vladimír Šlapeta / Brno; Miloš Solař / Praha; Josef Štulc / Praha; Ana Tostoes / Lisboa; Ruggero Tropeano / Zürich; Martin Zedníček / Brno; Petr Dvořák, assistant to the chairperson.

We also wish to extend our great thanks to Theo Wehner (ETH Zürich) for his assistance in cooperating and coordinating THICOM's work.

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