



100-Year-Old Interior Design Ambition Complete

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If greatness were measured by the amount of time put into something, then an interior design project in Hungary would have to represent the very best this industry has to offer.

The concept for the 'the metamorphosis of the great rock' at Hungary's Budapest Zoo first came into being over 100 years ago. Plans were made back in 1909 to extend the original zoo in order to create an animal museum and gallery space, but due to budgeting issues and onset of World War I, plans were shelved.

Now, over 100 years later, Hungarian design firm PLANT has brought an extravagant and complex plan to life in a way that promises to make the long wait worthwhile.

With the original works having already laid out the artificial rock's structural form back in 1909, PLANT has drawn from the original plan as an inspirational foundation for the new interior design scheme of the space. Former zoo director Dr. Adolf Lendl made his design vision clear when questioned about the works over 100 years ago.

"The entire large hill will be made of cement concrete and will be empty inside. We will open the wall on one of the sides with a cave like gate entrance enclosing it with a light structure, and in the inside a huge hall, this could even be 30 m long," said Lendl. "We will erect a stuffed whale here from the northern seas, perhaps together with the skeleton, and also several specimens of dolphins, as these are not expensive and are very characteristic animals that can rarely be seen."...

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