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Fanta's building Reconstruction will continue with interior renovation

The ongoing repairs to the facade and roof of the historic part of Prague's main railway station will be followed by the transformation of its interior. Správa železnic has launched a tender for the contractor of the first phase of the reconstruction of the interior of the Fanta's building, which mainly includes the halls on the ground floor of the Art Nouveau monument. The estimated cost of construction work is approximately 250 million crowns, it should start in April.

As part of a separate first phase, large historical halls in the northern part of the Fanta's building and their facilities will be reconstructed. The original historical form will be returned to the representative spaces as far as possible. Construction work will take place on the ground floor and also on the 1st underground floor and mezzanine. Thanks to them, the Fanta's building will gain a new connection with the level of the underpasses, in the form of escalators located in the left part of the northern underground passage. Completion of this phase is expected in the first half of next year.

In the subsequent second phase, the remaining premises of the building will be reconstructed by 2023, with the exception of the former Fanta's café in the central part of the building, which has already undergone renovation recently. Lifts will provide barrier-free access to the individual floors. There will also be another connection with the new check-in hall of the main railway station.

Fanta's building, together with the adjacent hall above the platform, forms the largest Art Nouveau monument in the Czech Republic. All modifications are therefore prepared in such a way as to respect the requirements of state monument care. With respect to technical and static possibilities, some non-original structures will be removed.

The reconstruction will bring an overall revival and ensure the maximum usability of the Fanta's building. Upon completion, passengers will find a café, restaurant, waiting room or children's corner. Now inaccessible spaces on the ground floor will be open to the public. The column hall will serve as a VIP waiting room, the large hall will become a multifunctional space for organising cultural and social events. A new hygienic background for visitors to cultural halls will also be created in the reconstructed premises, which will also be accessible from the level of the first platform.

At present, the Fanta's building is used by Drážní úřad, České dráhy, Správa železnic and the Police of the Czech Republic. These agencies will be located here even after the reconstruction.