

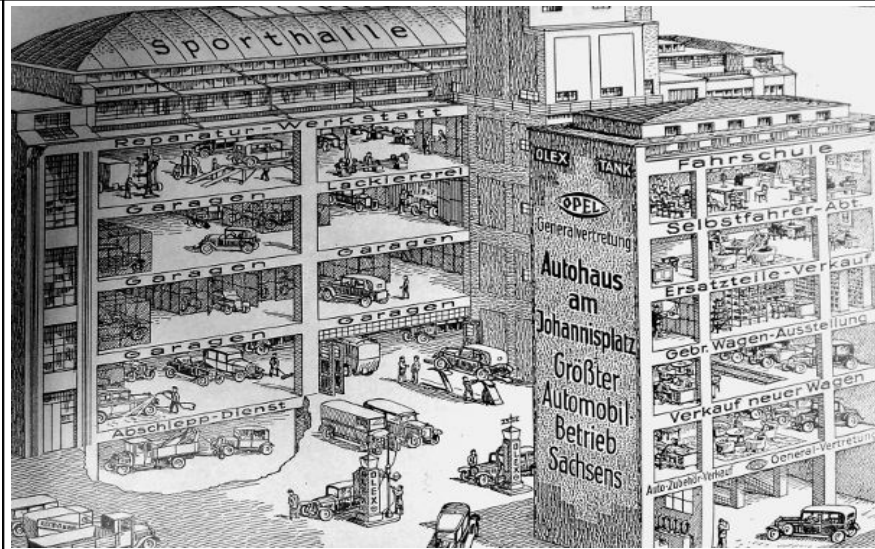


Building for the Automobilm - the »Garagenwesen«

The public garage businesses, called »Garagenwesen«, in Berlin until 1933

A sketch of the „Autohaus am Johannisplatz“ (Johannisplatz 13/14, Leipzig, 1923-1931). This house for automobiles (Autohaus) ist still in use today, as headquarter for a car dealership.

Das Garagenwesen, 1933, issue 9/10, p. 64.



Public garages, the so-called »Grossgaragen«, were a necessity in the first half of the 20th Century. These commercial garages provided all necessary services for the use and maintenance of cars in one place. This included the supply of fuels and lubricants (petrol, oil, grease), the sale of spare parts and consumables and the provision of workrooms, leisure and accommodation facilities for the professional driver: the »Chauffeur«. The genesis of large multi-story garages (German: »Hochgarage« or »Parkhaus«) was then interacting with the level of motorization, the changing usage patterns and the specific conditions of the modern city. This process was accompanied by an interest in economic-, traffic- and building-science of the newly formed garage businesses (Ge.: »Garagenwesen«) in the interwar period.



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