Parking Merced

Parking Merced, operated by Akipark, is situated in the urban district of Lastarria, Santiago, which is very well known for its small cafés, lively bars, fancy restaurants & historical buildings. New vintage "boutique" style hotels, an arts cinema and the cultural center "Gabriela Mistral" further underline the district's reputation of being in Santiago's cultural heart.

The city parking "Merced" profits from being a stone's throw from this attractive area, and provides space for 300 parking lots on five floors.

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Project description

The operator Akipark was looking for:

- A high-end, reliable solution, with a special focus on design and functionality
- An online validation system for the various cafés, shops and hotels in Lastarria
- APMs with the option to pay with credit card
- A future-ready, upgradable system that will grow as the owner-operator becomes more comfortable and familiar with the Parking.Logic application including all the commercial & operational advantages that can be provided

Due to safety reasons the customer has chosen illuminated barriers, as it was important to make these accesses as visible as possible due to the heavy use in the evening and nighttime hours.

However, because the operator is a fan of sleek European creativity the design and aesthetics played an important role in his decision making process. Another priority was to have a system that allows flexibility, keeping options open for later integrations without needing to upgrade either hardware or software.

Cashless payment with bank cards has been incorporated before Christmas 2015, as well as an online validation system that allows several neighbouring businesses such as hotels, cafes and restaurants to print a QR code on a local printer (or sending it to a smartphone) that then applies a validation at the APM.

This system replaces the need to roll out thermal validators to these businesses as the online application performs the same discount function without the need to buy further hardware.

Facts and Figures

Customer	Akipark
Project	Parking Merced
Installation date	10/2015
Capacity / size	300 parking spaces
SKIDATA products	• 4 Power.Gates • 4 Barrier.Gates • 1 Power.Cash • 1 Credit.Cash
Solution implemented	Parking.Logic V08

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