

One of Europe's most sustainable buildings inaugurated: Siemens new headquarters designed by Henning Larsen Architects

Friday June 24th 2016, Siemens inaugurated the new global headquarters at Wittelsbacherplatz in the heart of Munich in Germany. Henning Larsen Architects has designed the 45,000 m2 building that meets the highest standards for sustainability. It has been certified DGNB Platinum and LEED Platinum.

The new headquarters consumes 90 percent less electricity and uses 75 percent less water than its predecessor. The tilted inner facade increases the amount of natural light that penetrates the building's interior spaces and reduces the need for artificial lighting. Siemens smart building technologies collect data from 30,000 data points to control heating, ventilation and air conditioning.

The building is composed of one volume where four rectangular, rounded courtyards are cutout. The ground floor is publicly accessible and provides a new footpath between downtown Munich and the city's museum district.

“From day one the new Siemens building will be part of Munich. The location is remarkable and an example of an approach where corporations engage in a close relationship with society and the city where they operate,” says Louis Becker, Design Principal and Partner, Henning Larsen Architects. “One of our main architectural ambitions has been to promote knowledge-sharing and social interaction across the organization.”

In the new building, the 1,200 employees have visual contact with their colleagues across the courtyards. All workspaces are arranged along the floor-to-ceiling windows. The employees can adjust the heating, ventilation and air conditioning

technology in their areas as needed. Ample spaces offer open areas for sharing information and for collaborating across departmental boundaries as well as quiet zones for performing work that requires greater focus.

"With our new corporate headquarters, we want to establish a symbol that stands for working together in the spirit of global entrepreneurship, for integration into society and for taking action in accordance with the principles of sustainability. From here, we want to shape the future of our company. The new building is always to be a place of treating each other with mutual respect and of maintaining an open dialogue that is unrestricted by hierarchical structures – a place characterized by a high degree of self-determination and personal responsibility," said Joe Kaeser, President and CEO of Siemens AG, in a press release issued by Siemens.

Henning Larsen Architects has also been responsible for the renovation of the Ludwig Ferdinand Palais where Siemens has had their headquarters since 1949. The historic building is adjacent to the new building and the two buildings have been seamlessly integrated.

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