

Zurich's Global Headquarters "Quai Zurich Campus"
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"Quai Zurich Campus" at a glance

Overview

Quai Zurich Campus is Zurich Insurance Group's global headquarters at Mythenquai in Zurich, Switzerland, which the company has proudly called home for 120 years. Zurich has a rich history at this location, built on a constructive partnership with the city of Zurich. Bringing together heritage properties and state-of-the-art new buildings, the campus reflects Zurich's evolving nature.

Modern work environment

Zurich has created new and inspiring environments for employees and customers. Space is used in ways that bring teams together and foster creativity, increase operational efficiency and enhance wellbeing. Our new campus is designed to enhance collaboration, connectivity, and workplace satisfaction by allowing each employee to choose the work environment that best suits their needs. To achieve this goal globally, Zurich has developed a long-term corporate real estate strategy that focuses on:

- Upgrading workplace standards, taking into consideration latest trends in workplace design and modern work practices (Dynamic Working).
- Moving office locations closer together to promote greater interaction and collaboration. In the city of Zurich, the focus is on two modern locations: the Quai Zurich Campus at Mythenquai and the Swiss business headquarters in Zurich Oerlikon (SkyKey).

Commitment to sustainability

In the 2020 Dow Jones Sustainability Index, Zurich outperformed 99% of peers. The Quai Zurich Campus contributes toward Zurich's commitment to the UN Global Compact Business Ambition Pledge aiming to limit global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. Sustainability highlights of the Quai Zurich Campus include

Certification:

- LEED Platinum certification for the overall campus. This is the highest level in the LEED rating system.
- 2000-Watt-Society certification for the whole campus.
- MINERGIE-P ECO certification for the new buildings and MINERGIE ECO certification for the historically listed buildings. MINERGIE is a registered quality label in Switzerland for new and refurbished low-energy consumption buildings.
- WELL Platinum certification. The WELL Building Standard® (this trademark is registered in the US) is a performance-based system for measuring, certifying, and monitoring features of the built environment that impact human health and wellbeing, through air, water, nourishment, light, fitness, comfort, and mind.

Renewable energy:

- Power supply in all the buildings comes from 100% renewable power sources.
- Photovoltaic systems on roof surfaces.
- Lake water used for heating and cooling. No use of fossil fuel in the building.
- Rainwater captured, stored, and used for sanitary systems.
- Electric vehicle charging stations.

Building history

Quai Zurich Campus brings together Zurich's rich history and vision for the future in a place the company has called home since 1901.

- From **1899-1901**, Zurich built the headquarters at Mythenquai 2 designed by architect Julius Gottfried Kunkler.
- From **1923-1925**, the first extension at Breitingerstrasse 3 was built.
- In the years **1922-1923**, Zurich acquired the three adjoining properties at Alfred-Escher-Platz 2-4 (today's Breitingerstrasse 5, 7 and 9). The former hotel Mythen and three apartments in the building at Alfred-Escher-Platz 3 were rented as office space to the subsidiary VITA Life Insurance, founded in 1922. After VITA moved to its new headquarters on Marsstrasse in 1932, Zurich started using the office building itself.
- From **1937-1938**, the extension at Alfred-Escher-Strasse 45 was built.
- From **1968-1972**, the building at Alfred Escher-Strasse 50-60 was built. The new office building was connected underground to the Zurich campus at Alfred Escher-Strasse 45. The building is no longer used by Zurich but leased to third parties.
- The historic building at Mythenquai 2 was gently renovated in the **1970s** and **1990s**.
- In **2012**, Zurich decided to comprehensively renovate and redesign its headquarters at Mythenquai 2.
- In **2018**, 5000-year-old archaeological artefacts were found at the construction site of Quai Zurich Campus.
- In **June 2020**, possibly the world's longest sandstone fountain, carved out of one piece of sandstone, was placed in the courtyard of the Quai Zurich Campus.
- In **July 2021** the Quai Café opens to the public and employees move into the campus.
- The official inauguration of Quai Zurich Campus will take place in **September 2021**.

