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Forster Campus marks grand opening

Romanshorn, September 2024. Just over two years after the groundbreaking ceremony, Forster Profile Systems celebrated the opening of the Forster Campus in Romanshorn in time for the company's 150th anniversary. With an investment of CHF 52 million in the new site, the manufacturer of steel profile systems is underlining its commitment to providing jobs in the region. Covering over 30,000 square metres, the state-of-the-art Campus sets new benchmarks in design, technology and sustainability. The building complex is also the first in Switzerland to be awarded the internationally renowned LEED "Gold" certificate for sustainable building. The new office building on site even achieved "Platinum" certification for sustainability.

Located just ten kilometres from the original location in Arbon, the Forster Campus blends harmoniously into the rural environment of Romanshorn. The modern building complex is not only a commitment to the regional roots of the internationally active company, but has also been designed as a role model for sustainable building. The three structures were designed by the local architectural office Gisel + Partner, with a consistent focus on both environmental aspects and the needs of the 130 employees working on site.

The list of measures for ensuring sustainability on Campus is exhaustive. For example, around 1,900 tonnes of steel was installed that emits much less CO₂ during production than conventional steel. The energy required in production is generated by a photovoltaic system. In May 2024 alone, this system produced enough electricity to supply over 40 households with power for an entire year. Only closed cooling circuits are used in the production systems, which significantly reduces water consumption. Even the smallest details focus on conserving resources – rainwater is used for watering the garden and flushing the toilets.

The open day on 14 September 2024 saw around 2,200 guests explore the new site and also celebrate the 150th anniversary of Forster Profile Systems. A tour through the individual buildings provided insights into the special features of the sustainable construction methods and allowed visitors to see how steel profiles are manufactured up close. The durability of the Forster elements was also put to the test with live break-in demonstrations throughout the day. Our youngest visitors enjoyed themselves, with local associations helping to lay on entertainment including a tour quiz and bouncy castle. Adventurous visitors were also well catered for, with high-rise trips on a crane offering panoramic views of the entire Campus.

Forster Profile Systems – steel is our nature

Forster Profile Systems Ltd develops and manufactures safe, energy-efficient solutions in steel and stainless steel for doors, windows and façades. Forster is partner for complex objects and offers individual consulting and local project support around the world. The products and system solutions from Forster for the building shell and interior applications meet the most stringent requirements and standards, with heat insulation and safety features such as fire protection, burglary resistance and bullet resistance. The portfolio is rounded off by accessories and comprehensive services for customers and business partners in architecture, planning and the construction industry.

Forster works with its own branches in over 20 countries – and exclusive sales partners in 10 more: from Europe and the Middle East to Asia and North America.

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A bird's eye view of the Forster Campus: the LEED-certified building complex is the new headquarters of Forster Profile Systems in Romanshorn, Switzerland, and sets new benchmarks in design, technology and energy efficiency. Photo: © Thomas Hary



Marking the opening of the Forster Campus: (from left to right) Jan Reynaers, Chairman Reynaers Group, Bert Geerinckx, CEO Reynaers Group, Urs Martin, state councillor, Diana Gutjahr, member of the National Council, Willi Lühinger, CEO Forster Profile Systems, and Roger Martin, mayor of Romanshorn, at the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Photo: © Thomas Hary



A celebration in the production hall: the open day in September 2024 saw around 2,200 guests mark the grand opening of the Campus and the 150th anniversary of Forster Profile Systems. Photo: © Thomas Hary



Taking a closer look at logistics: the fully automated high-bay warehouse at the Forster Campus ensures efficient processes and the optimal use of space. Photo: © Thomas Hary



Live demonstration of security standards: throughout the day, several break-in tests highlighted the stability and durability of the Forster profile systems in robust steel. Photo: © Thomas Hary