

## Erste Group lays cornerstone of new headquarters

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20 different offices will move to the new central headquarters at the Central Station

Room for 4,500 workplaces on nearly 120,000 m<sup>2</sup>

15 minutes from the city centre

Important stimulus for Viennese economy

Today, Erste Group laid the cornerstone of its new headquarters. The new headquarters is being built on the site of the future Central Station and will be completed in 2016.

For Andreas Treichl, CEO of Erste Group, the new headquarters is the fulfilment of the dream of “being able to offer our employees a central workplace and eliminate the necessity to spend so much time traveling from one office to another”. At present, Erste Group is spread across 20 different locations in Vienna. The new offices have a clear strategic element for Treichl: “As a leading bank for Central and Eastern Europe, we are now geographically oriented towards these countries with our new headquarters. At the same time, we remain loyal to our heritage as a traditional Austrian bank.” Erste Campus is directly next the new Vienna Central Station and is a historic site. The Südbahnhof train station was not only the most prized railway station of the Austrian monarchy, but for many people it was also a gateway to the empire.

“But Erste Campus will also be part of the future of Vienna,” explained Herbert Juranek, member of the Management Board of Erste Group responsible for the construction project. “Its curved, open architecture combined with a ground zone accessible to the public, makes the new building an inspiring highlight of the new city district “Quartier Belvedere” being created. Soon, up to 1,000 workers will work daily on the large construction site – roughly the size of three football fields – to build Erste Campus. Over 100 companies will work to create a modern, dynamic and appealing urban landscape.

The new headquarters of Erste Group, designed by the architects Henke & Schreieck, will provide around 4,500 workplaces with a gross usable floor space of 117,000 m<sup>2</sup>. The concept behind Henke & Schreieck’s design was to integrate urbanity and nature in the architecture. The green space extends into the Schweizer Garten that covers 7,500 m<sup>2</sup> of landscaped garden and forms the link between the green zone and the offices. The large glass façade enhances the workplace quality for each employee.

Simultaneously with the laying of the cornerstone, the Info Centre for Erste Campus in front of Schweizergarten was opened. It provides information on the new building and its history. The website of Erste Campus [www.erstecampus.at](http://www.erstecampus.at) also went online today. The website contains interesting information about Erste Campus.



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