

Drees & Sommer: The international service provider for Project Management, Real Estate Consulting and Engineering

For 40 years, Drees & Sommer has supported public- and private-sector owners and investors in all aspects of real estate. Managed by partners and headquartered in Stuttgart, the company has 32 offices worldwide and sets the standard in the areas of Project Management, Real Estate Consulting and Engineering. The focus is always on profitability. The construction and real estate experts always have the goal of producing measurable added value for the client. This could mean, for example, streamlining the implementation of a construction project, making the operation of a property more economical, or cutting energy costs through innovative concepts. Currently, the company with its 1,125 employees is acting as an independent project manager for some 600 construction and real estate projects.

Project Management

Drees & Sommer's core competency is project management for construction and infrastructure projects of every type and size. As German market leader, the experts safeguard and optimize costs, schedules and quality goals at all project stages from planning and implementation to commissioning. Whether in the optimization of established buildings or in the specialized areas of building design and construction, infrastructure or transport, the project managers coordinate all partners involved and ensure smooth execution of the project. In addition to the areas of planning and construction, Drees & Sommer is also active in development management, analyzing the potential of disused sites and developing solutions.

Real Estate Consulting

In the area of Real Estate Consulting, Drees & Sommer supports private- and public-sector property owners, investors and tenants with services such as technical asset management and technical due diligence. Here the experts consult on questions involving the economic, technical, ecological and organizational optimization of existing properties and, in this way, improve the ROI on properties and portfolios. The company's facility management consulting service ensures economic building operation.

Engineering

For 40 years, the company has been a pioneer in the use and ongoing development of innovative technologies. These range from facade technology to the nerve center of the building. In the area of engineering, Green Building design plays an important role complementing services such as system planning, simulation, general technological planning and technical & economic construction consulting. Drees & Sommer is the market leader in Germany here, too, helping principals and property owners to economically reduce the energy and resource consumption of their buildings. This is essential as – in addition to ecological considerations – the focus is on long-term optimization of lifecycle costs, particularly efficient building operation. Where Green Building certification is being sought, Drees & Sommer supports the client in finding the most appropriate label and analyzes the costs, opportunities and risks involved in the project. The experts provide support throughout the entire certification process, and are also accredited to undertake audits in accordance with the US Green Building LEED standard (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), the British BREEAM standard (British Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) and the German DGNB (German Sustainable Building Certificate). As an active member of several international Green Building Councils, Drees & Sommer plays a substantial role in transnational developments in this area.

The company

The Drees & Sommer Group is characterized by a flexible decentralized company structure and by a corporate philosophy that puts people first. At the same time, over the four decades of its history, the company has, at every stage, developed innovations and pioneered new methods. Managed by Partners, the stock corporation (AG) is decentralized. 29 active Partners are Managing Directors and – together with former Partners and employees – make up the stockholders of Drees & Sommer AG. This allows the Group to act independently of third parties and to provide clients with objective advice. In their Managing Director roles in regional offices, the Partners operate as independent entrepreneurs. Partners Dierk Mutschler, Peter Tzeschlock and Gabriele Walker-Rudolf form the Executive Board. Prof. Dr. Hans Sommer is Chairman of the Supervisory Board.

Special importance is attached to knowledge transfer within the company and to continuing vocational training of the 1,125 employees. The internal communication structure and the intranet-based knowledge management system ensure that all employees have equal access to information. Employees also undertake training in a bilingual internal Vocational Training Academy, which also includes a company-specific e-learning program.

Company information (as of June 2011)

Founded	1970
Number of construction projects (project management)	593
Annual construction volume supported (project management)	EUR 8.4 billion
Employees	1,125
Group sales 2010	EUR 146.5 million

German offices: Berlin, Bremen, Cologne, Dresden, Düsseldorf, Erfurt, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Hannover, Kiel, Leipzig, Munich, Nuremberg and Stuttgart

International offices: Barcelona, Basel, Brussels, Budapest, Bucharest, Copenhagen, Dubai, Istanbul, Kiev, Milan, Moscow, Munsbach/Luxembourg, Rome, Shanghai, St. Petersburg, Vienna, Warsaw, Zurich