

**Drees & Sommer opens a new office in Dresden**

**With its new office in Dresden, Drees & Sommer is continuing to expand its presence in central Germany. Currently, the company is acting as a service provider for Project Management, Real Estate Consulting and Engineering in the Saxon capital. One of its many projects includes the refurbishment of the Kulturpalast Dresden. Experts see potential in the local markets industrial sector as well as in the field of research and development. The opening of the office in Dresden now means that the corporate group is present in 19 international and 12 German regional locations. Other Drees & Sommer regional offices in central Germany can be found in Leipzig and Erfurt. The office in the World Trade Center will be officially opened on 10 February 2011 as part of the first Dresdner Immocircle. The architect Peter Kulka will give a talk as guest speaker on the subject “Dresden zwischen Historie und Moderne” [Dresden, where history meets the modern world].**

As well as providing project management to the new building sector, the Dresden real estate market is heavily involved in the redevelopment of existing buildings. Both the private and the public sector are involved. An example of this is Drees & Sommer’s commission dating from 2009 to provide the project management for the reconditioning, modernisation and renovation of the Kulturpalast Dresden. Other current projects include the construction of an Education Centre for the “Freie Evangelische Schule” in Dresden and the refurbishment of a sales area for a supplier of outdoor equipment as commissioned by an institutional investor.

**A Dynamic Location**

“Dresden is a dynamic region with excellent opportunities for the future”, says Frank Schulze, director of the seven employees in the office. Steady economic development and population growth also have a role to play in this. Given the high concentration of research facilities in the area, the company sees this sector as particularly promising: “There is a lot of potential present in the science and research sector”, according to Frank Schulze. However, there are also other branches such as the solar energy, micro- and nanoelectronics sectors which hold a lot of promise for the future.

**Green Building Certification on the Rise**

Green Building Certification of buildings in the Saxon capital will also have a role to play in the future. The Dresdner Centrum Galerie has already received a certification of “Excellent” under the BREEAM certification scheme back in June 2009. Drees & Sommer oversaw the

certification process in this project on behalf of the constructor Multi Development Germany GmbH and was also commissioned to deliver the project management for the new building. The Centrum Galerie was the first building in Germany and the first commercial property in Europe (outside Great Britain) to be awarded the highest certification level.

### **A Prelude to the Dresdner Immocircle**

The opening of the office on 10 February 2011 also marks the start of the series of events organised as part of the Dresdner Immocircle. At its new offices in the World Trade Center – the construction of which was overseen by Drees & Sommer – the architect Peter Kulka will give a talk as guest speaker on the subject “Dresden zwischen Historie und Moderne” [Dresden, where history meets the modern world].



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