



Press Release

Grand Opening of Stücki Shopping Basel

Biggest gallery in the Basel tri-border region – First center in Switzerland managed by ECE

Hamburg/Basel, September 24, 2009 – Stücki Shopping Basel opened its gates for the very first time on Thursday, September 24. With a rental space of 32,000 square meters, this new shopping center is be the biggest in the Basel tri-border region. 260 million Swiss francs (approximately 170 million euro) have been invested into this project by the principal Tivona Eta AG.

Long-term center management and leasing are carried out by the Hamburg-based shopping center specialist ECE. ECE center manager Jan Tanner (41), also co-founder and board member of the Swiss Council of Shopping Centers (SCSC), is in charge of the center. The Stücki Shopping Basel comprises two retail levels with two adjoining malls, respectively. Each of the shopping streets extends over 250 meters - an exceptional shopping promenade with a total length of approximately two kilometres, inviting visitors to take a stroll. An underground garage in the basement provides over 800 parking spaces. The impressive architecture has been designed by the Basel architect's office Diener & Diener.

The shopping center is supplied with climate-friendly energy, with waste heat from surrounding industrial plants being used for heating in winter and for cooling in summer. This process is facilitated by an absorption refrigerating system that transforms thermal into cold energy. The energy is transported via water conduits. Thanks to this sustainable energy concept, environmental pollution through carbon dioxide emission is significantly reduced.

120 shops offer the visitors a varied range of fashion, services and gastronomy. Apart from the anchor tenants Migros and H&M, the Stücker also includes Switzerland's very first Saturn entertainment electronics store.

ECE Projektmanagement is the European market leader of inner-city shopping centers. Since 1965, the company develops, plans, builds, leases and manages shopping centers and large commercial real estate projects. The ECE Group currently manages 112 shopping centers in Germany, Turkey, Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Austria, Russia, Greece, Lithuania and Qatar. On an overall sales area of 3.4 million square meters, about 11,700 retail businesses generate 13.1 billion Euro in annual sales. Another 22 shopping centers are currently under construction or planning throughout Europe. ECE has been awarded numerous international architecture prizes for its malls.

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