

Press information

"Real Estate Oscar" for the Kranhaus

The Kranhaus (crane house) in Cologne's Rheinau harbor has been awarded the title of Office Building of the Year 2009 at the Mipim international real estate trade show in Cannes. In the Business Centre category it managed to beat buildings in Shanghai and Munich into second and third place.

During the first few days of the world's leading real estate trade show, participants were asked to vote for their office building of the year. Most chose the Kranhaus in Cologne, which thus succeeded in taking the top award ahead of the World Finance Center in Shanghai and the Angerhof in Munich.

As the general contractor, HOCHTIEF Construction was responsible for the characteristic construction of the central Kranhaus which stands in a premium position in the harbor. The project took two years to finish and was completed during the fourth quarter of 2008. The crane shape, which is so typical of the harbor, is reflected in the striking 15-story building, turning it into a landmark of Rheinau harbor.

The 2009 award is not the first for the City of Cologne and HOCHTIEF. Back in 2006, Peek & Cloppenburg's Weltstadthaus, which was also built by HOCHTIEF Construction, received the Mipim award. Other HOCHTIEF projects such as the Metropolitan office building in Warsaw and the Europa-Passage in Hamburg have also won Mipim awards in years past.

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