

# Construction start for Zalando headquarters in Berlin



Groundbreaking for the Zalando headquarters in Berlin with (from left) Marko Lehmann (PORR), Gunter Henn (architect), David Schneider (Zalando), Michael Müller (Mayor), Christian Berger (Münchner Grund), Andreas Geisel (Senator)  
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Ground was broken for the new headquarters of the online fashion retailer Zalando on 6 September 2016. This thereby marked the official start of construction for the joint venture consisting of PORR Deutschland GmbH, Berlin branch office and large-scale projects Germany. The two buildings with around 28,700m² and 13,300m² of office space will provide space for around 2,700 employees. Completion is set for September 2018.

Mayor of Berlin Michael Müller (SPD), Senator for Urban Development Andreas Geisel (SPD), Zalando Board Member David Schneider, architect Gunter Henn, Christian Berger, Managing Director of Münchner Grund and Marko Lehmann, Branch Office Manager of PORR Deutschland GmbH all came together in Berlin for the symbolic groundbreaking.

Münchner Grund Immobilien Bauträger GmbH has charged PORR with the general planning through to the turnkey construction of the complex in the Berlin district of Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg. The main tenant of the building is Zalando.

The atrium in section A will form the centrepiece of the new structure, stretching across the entire height of the building. The site also includes an open-office concept, a 400m² roof terrace, a basketball court on the roof with sports facilities and showers, as well as a food court and kindergarten. Zalando will also be celebrating its ten-year anniversary in the year of completion of the new headquarters.