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BKW Engineering further expands its architecture business with Gerber Architekten

Renowned architectural firm with a broad range of services joins the network

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BKW Engineering has further expanded its architecture business with the addition of Gerber Architekten. The internationally active company is one of Germany's most renowned architectural firms and has now become part of the network. The acquisition strengthens BKW Engineering's position in building construction and expands its architectural expertise.



Visualisation of the research and institute building for geosciences and environmental sciences at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (under construction) © Gerber Architekten

Founded by Professor Eckhard Gerber in 1966, Gerber Architekten is now one of Germany's largest architectural firms, with around 280 employees. The firm has offices in Dortmund, Hamburg, Berlin, Münster and Düsseldorf, as well as other branches abroad. Its services span architecture, urban planning, landscape

architecture and interior design. Gerber Architekten is led by Professor Eckhard Gerber together with the managing directors Benjamin Sieber, Jens Bentfeld and Thomas Lücking. The architectural firm's projects range from educational and research facilities to healthcare and administrative buildings and large international projects. With its many years of experience, high-quality architectural design and international presence and reputation, the firm is an ideal addition to BKW Engineering and will create new opportunities for collaboration on national and international projects.

Architecture business strategically strengthened

The acquisition supports the implementation of the "BKW Solutions 2030" corporate strategy. As part of the strategic initiative "Growth in Building Construction in Germany", BKW Engineering is systematically expanding its architectural expertise and strengthening its presence in strategically important regional markets. The company is thereby expanding its service portfolio to offer customers even more comprehensive integrated planning solutions for buildings and infrastructure from a single source.

Martin Fecke, CEO of BKW Engineering and member of the Executive Committee of BKW AG, is delighted to welcome the latest addition to the BKW Engineering network: "With Gerber Architekten, we have acquired one of Germany's most renowned architectural firms. The company's expertise, international experience and outstanding design quality are a valuable addition to our network and will strengthen our position in building construction."

"After 60 years in business, joining the BKW Engineering network marks an important step for Gerber Architekten. We look forward to maintaining our entrepreneurial independence while taking advantage of the opportunities that a strong network offers for joint projects," says Professor Eckhard Gerber, founder and CEO of Gerber Architekten.

The BKW Engineering Network is the largest association of independent engineering, architectural, appraisal and testing companies in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. With over 4,400 employees across more than 40 companies in some 170 locations, the network offers highly specialised expertise from a single source.

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The BKW Group is a Bern-based international energy and infrastructure company, employing 12,500 people. Its company network and innovative technologies enable it to offer customers a full range of skills in the areas of infrastructure, buildings and energy. The Group plans, builds and operates infrastructure to produce and supply energy to businesses, households and the public sector, and offers digital business models for renewable energies. Today, the BKW Group portfolio includes everything from engineering consultancy and planning for energy, infrastructure and environmental projects to integrated services in the field of building technology, as well as the construction, servicing and maintenance of energy, telecommunications, transport and water utility networks.