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Schmidt Plöcker Architekten to join BKW Engineering

Specialist for complex building construction projects and general planning boosts presence in the Rhine-Main region

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BKW Engineering is expanding its network in the field of architecture and general planning: Schmidt Plöcker Architekten, a prestigious Frankfurt-based architectural firm, is joining the network. This integration further strengthens BKW's expertise in planning complex construction projects, particularly high-rise buildings, residential developments, and healthcare facilities, while also expanding its presence in the Rhine-Main metropolitan region.



Hellerhöfe district on the former FAZ site in Frankfurt am Main (under construction) © Schmidt Plöcker Architekten

Schmidt Plöcker Architekten (later Schmidt Plöcker GmbH) was founded in 2010 and currently numbers around 87 employees. The company has extensive experience in the planning and implementation of demanding construction projects – from office and residential buildings to schools and hospitals.

As a general planner, Schmidt Plöcker guides construction projects throughout all relevant service phases. The practice combines architectural and engineering services and coordinates the corresponding planning disciplines as the central point of contact for clients. It can also call on extensive experience in the revitalisation, conversion and expansion of existing buildings.

Founders Christian Olaf Schmidt and Markus Plöcker run the practice together with Alexander Dill and Sebastian Schuster. All four will remain with the company in the long term, even after integration into the BKW Engineering network.

Schmidt Plöcker Architekten brings versatile planning expertise to the network

This acquisition represents a targeted expansion of BKW Engineering's expertise in architecture and general planning. The aspect of integrated planning in particular opens up additional opportunities for collaboration with other companies in the network in areas such as structural planning, technical building equipment, fire safety, building physics, circular economy and project management. This will boost BKW Engineering's positioning as a provider of integrated planning services for challenging building construction projects.

"By securing Schmidt Plöcker for the network, we have gained an experienced architectural practice with proven expertise in building construction, from hospitals to skyscrapers," says Martin Fecke, CEO of BKW Engineering. "The planning of modern healthcare buildings requires a deep understanding of complex user processes, technical interfaces and permit requirements. By combining these skills with the expertise of our network, we will be able to provide our clients with more comprehensive support for demanding construction projects in the future. At the same time, we are strengthening our presence in the economic hub of the Rhine-Main region."

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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