



Diener & Diener Architekten win commission to replace Swiss Re's "Neubau" site at its headquarters in Zurich

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Zurich, 2 October 2009 – The winning project, submitted as part of the development proposals sponsored by Swiss Re, comes from architects Diener & Diener Architekten, Basel. Construction is expected to begin at the end of 2012 at the earliest.

The jury, headed by Viennese architect Adolf Krischanitz, voted unanimously in favour of the project submitted by architects Diener & Diener Architekten, Basel.

President of the jury, Adolf Krischanitz, commented on the winning project, saying: "All three entries fulfilled the stated requirements to a very high degree. Particular emphasis was placed on urban planning considerations as well as design and economic aspects. The winning project sets itself apart as an architectural and structural enhancement to the Zurich lakefront at the lower end of the lake. The committee has concluded that the design is exemplary in integrating the project into the cityscape."

The final decision to realise the replacement of the "Neubau" has thus been made. The next step will be the initiation of the planning process for the design plan and the approvals. Swiss Re expects to be able to start construction at the end of 2012 at the earliest.

In the tradition of existing Swiss Re premises, the new building will meet the company's quality standards. Considerable attention will also be paid to sustainability and flexibility issues in the continuing planning phase. The new building will allow for around 800 workplaces, compared to today's 430.

In the course of its continuous efforts to enhance efficiency, Swiss Re has decided to consolidate its business activities at the Mythenquai location into three of its buildings within the next 18 months.

Notes to editors

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