

Inauguration of the headquarters and training center of GF Piping Systems in Schaffhausen

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The spoken word applies.

Speech by Joost Geginat, President GF Piping Systems

Dear representatives of the Canton and City of Schaffhausen
Dear customers, partners and colleagues
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Andreas Müller mentioned the importance of the new building for all of us. For GF Piping Systems it is a big and important step into the future. We have modernized the architecture in order to offer our current and future colleagues modern and contemporary workplaces. But we have also modernized our new building to make it a place of encounter and inspiration.

Every year around 10'000 customers and business partners visit us to learn on site or to find out about our current and future products. These encounters give rise to trust in the quality of our products and in the future viability of GF. Furthermore, we gain in-depth insights into the needs of our customers and thus inspiration for continuous improvement.

Innovation thrives best when there is free and open discussion - across departments and with the involvement of colleagues and external partners. One of our core aims was to promote such dialogues through structural measures. Hopefully, you will be able to experience it personally during the following tour: The generosity and spaciousness of the rooms are an integral part of our new working environment. Within this new world of work, you will find places everywhere that invite you to stay and discuss.

Even though the construction work on the building was only completed a few days ago, we have already gained a lot of positive experiences in recent weeks, which shows that we are on the right track. Of course, we also invested in the sustainability of the building: It was equipped with a solar system and a controlled heat recovery system. As a result of this and other construction measures, it meets the Minergie standard.

I don't want to finish my short speech without thanking the whole reconstruction team for their work. Anyone who has been a part of such a rebuilding project knows that the implementation of such a project on time and on budget is very challenging. But thanks to detailed planning and a high level of personal commitment, we have achieved this. A further thank you to all colleagues who endured the two-year work without grumbling and also without loss of productivity. Thank you very much!

At the end a few words about the further course of events: After the official opening you will go in groups on the building and factory tour, in order to be able to take the Flying Lunch together afterwards in the training center. I hope you enjoy the tour and wish you open and inspiring discussions.

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