

Westhafen Bridge Building

Frankfurt am Main, 2001 - 2003

In this triad of buildings on the Westhafen, the 'Brückengebäude' or 'Bridge Building' is the most reminiscent of the harbour's former industrial use. Its name having been derived from its location, standing where the former lock used to be, it bridges the different height levels between Westhafenplatz and the river Main embankment. At the same time it marks the ending of the riverside park and the beginning of the recreational harbour. This gives the restaurant with its terrace overlooking the harbour has a heightened significance.

Robust materials, such as fair-faced concrete, MIO-painted steel columns, glimmering façade panels, and the dynamic structure of the V-shaped columns, create allusions to the site's nautical past. The façades follow the structural logic of this building. Glazed triangles alternating with opaque ones on the long sides of the building contrast with the fully glazed façades to the north and southern sides.Â



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