



CREDIT SUISSE

# CREDIT SUISSE UETLIHOF 2

OFFICE BUILDING

Zurich - ZH

## Owner

Credit Suisse AG  
Paradeplatz 8  
8070 Zurich

## General contractor

HRS Real Estate AG  
Siewerdstrasse 8  
8050 Zurich

## Architect / General planner

Stücheli Architekten AG  
Binzstrasse 18  
8045 Zurich

## Structural engineer

Henauer Gugler AG  
Kurvenstrasse 35  
8006 Zurich

Pöry Schweiz AG  
Hardturmstrasse 161  
8005 Zurich

## MEP engineering

HVAC engineering:  
PZM Polke Ziege von Moos AG  
Zollikerstrasse 6 - 8008 Zurich

Aicher, De Martin, Zweng AG  
Würzenbachstrasse 56  
6006 Lucerne

Electrical engineering:  
Herzog Kull Group Zürich AG  
Rütistrasse 22 - 8952 Schlieren

Sytek AG  
Hauptstrasse 7 - 4102 Binningen

Construction physics:  
Wichser Akustik + Bauphysik AG  
Schaffhauserstrasse 550  
8052 Zurich

Facade engineer:  
Emmer Pfenninger Partner AG  
Weidenstrasse 13  
4142 Münchenstein

Lighting engineer:  
Reflexion AG  
Hardturmstrasse 123 - 8005 Zurich

Fire safety:  
BDS Security Design AG  
Muristrasse 96 - 3006 Berne

Door management:  
Ess AG  
Nüsatzstrasse 11 - 8248 Uhwiesen

## Landscape architect

ASP Landschaftsarchitekten AG  
Tobeleggweg 19 - 8049 Zurich

## Location of the building

Uetlibergstrasse 231  
8070 Zurich

## Planning

2005 - 2008

## Execution

2009 - 2012



## LOCATION / HISTORY

Credit Suisse, still active under the name of Schweizerische Kreditanstalt (SKA) at that time, purchased the former brickyard clay pit at the foot of the Uetli hill between the Brunau and the Road Traffic Office. On this 95,000 m<sup>2</sup> site, the honeycomb-structure Uetlihof building was constructed from 1976 to 1979. The six honeycombs housed 6,000 workspaces, to which a staff restaurant, an own energy production plant, and six-storey structure housing energy supply, ventilation, air conditioning and parking were added, embedded in the hollow of the former 30-metre deep clay pit.

Once the city of Zurich had revised its construction and zoning ordinance in 2003, the building contractor was able to increase the usable space on the Uetlihof site by 28,000 m<sup>2</sup>.

## CONCEPT / ARCHITECTURE

A feasibility study carried out in 2005 showed that it was possible to tear down the above ground part of the existing Uetlihof 2 and create an additional 2,000 fixed or 2,500 flexible workspaces in a new ten-storey building above the six-storey structure. The owner followed this proposal and decided in favour of an irregular octagon that could

be seamlessly integrated into the existing honeycomb landscape and makes ideal use of the extra space. Three inner courtyards link over 6,000 m<sup>2</sup> of floor space and provide maximum daylight.

As general contractor, HRS faced the challenge of reinforcing the structure of the six basement floors and knocking down the structure above ground without interrupting the building operations. A very specific and detailed schedule defined what had to be done when and where.

The narrow access to the construction site and its location in the inner city required the preparation of a precise construction logistics concept. Craftsmen and subcontractors had to announce their deliveries ahead of time to the construction logistics division.

The project also included the erection of an additional energy unit as an extra source of supply for the trade. Its installation allowed the existing plant to be used to supply the offices. Both energy units, with a total of six diesel engines, are arranged so that they can be switched at any time to take over the supply of the other area. The main power arrives at the sub-stations via a 10-megawatt supply line in the in-house medium-voltage circuit.





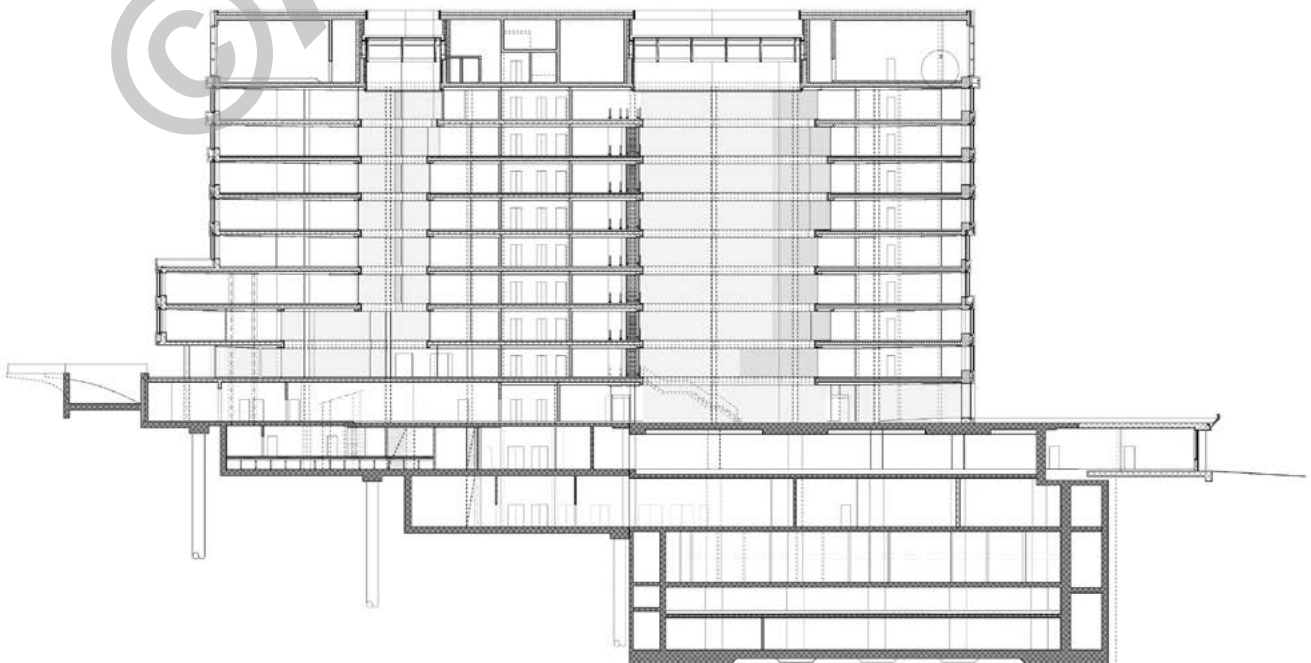
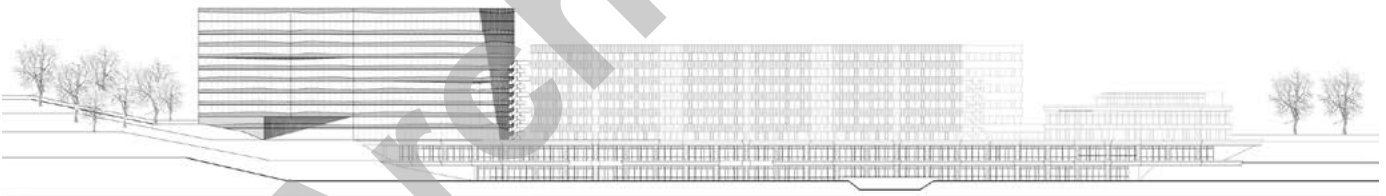
The irregular octagon building shape that was chosen completes the six existing honeycomb structures, however without dominating them. The result is an impressive balance between both architectonic creations, built as good as 30 years apart. Wide bands of prefab concrete facade elements emphasize the horizontality of the building.

## ENERGY CONCEPT

Uetlihof 2 meets the Swiss Minergie P-ECO standard. It was designed according to the directives for a 2,000-Watt Society pursued by the City of Zurich. The windows are triple-glazed. The heat emitted by the data processing centre is fed into the heating system. The offices are heated and cooled according to the thermo-active component system (TABS). The ceilings have been constructed as cooling ceilings. Air and heat are stored between the floors. They arrive in the rooms through movable grids at a slight overpressure, rise upwards and are then extracted into the inner window frames. Hybrid heat exchangers on the top floor supply the connected loads, in particular the data processing centre. Turbo and screw compressor cooling units guarantee constant operating temperatures. LED floor lamps meet the need for artificial lighting.

## FEATURES

Some of the cooling and ventilation is provided by octagonal ceiling elements. These so-called ceiling "sails" that together form a "wall of leaves" can turn to allow partitions to be positioned as required.







For the first time, at Uetlihof 2, Credit Suisse implements the newly developed smart working concept. The staff's various needs are approached within the workplace zones :

- a quiet area for concentrated working
- closed rooms for small discussions
- areas for project groups
- conventional open-plan offices

Since there are no fixed workspaces, office space is better utilised. Due to absences (external obligations, illness, vacations or military service), the 2,500 people who work in Uetlihof 2, mostly in IT, need in fact the area for 2,000 workspaces.







**PROJECT DATA**

Total costs:	<b>about CHF 270 million</b>
SIA volume:	<b>305,438 m<sup>3</sup></b>
Office volume:	<b>132,476 m<sup>3</sup></b>
Plot area:	<b>102,800 m<sup>2</sup></b>
Basement area:	<b>20,087 m<sup>2</sup></b>
New construction volume:	<b>4,746 m<sup>3</sup></b>
Storeys:	<b>16 (of which 6 underground)</b>
Office areas:	<b>38,087 m<sup>2</sup></b>
Restaurant areas:	<b>2,977 m<sup>2</sup> (670 seats)</b>
Sports areas:	<b>2,039 m<sup>2</sup></b>
Workspaces:	<b>2,000-2,500</b>
Parking:	<b>20,087 m<sup>2</sup> (1,100 covered spaces)</b>

