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PRESS RELEASE

New SKAN headquarters opened

The architectural office Burckhardt+Partner designed and realized the new headquarters for SKAN – a leading manufacturer of cleanroom isolators for the pharmaceutical industry – including a production hall and in-house academy. The new building was opened following a construction period lasting around two-and-a-half years.

Burckhardt+Partner designed the new headquarters for SKAN in Allschwil's Bachgraben area and realized it in a consortium with four partners. The choice of location was the result of winning the investor competition: "Burckhardt+Partner were able to match the client SKAN with the right investor Suva and a piece of real estate that is ideal for them," says Samuel Schultze, CEO and Partner at Burckhardt+Partner.

In its architectural expression, the identity-defining new build picks up on SKAN's corporate image, and in its choice of materials and colors it captures the feel of its products. The steel support structure is an eye-catcher and defining design element that fulfills the requirement for a column-free production hall that can be directly accessed by trucks. The arrangement of the 3,600m² production hall on the ground floor with office floors above is unusual. Here, too, the building structure's V-shaped supports become a key stylistic and space-defining element.

In the new building, which is located around 500 meters from the old headquarters, SKAN brings together the production areas with the development and office areas, as well as the in-house academy, on a single site. "The modern, representative building unites SKAN's wide-ranging requirements under one roof, creating permanent synergies and providing optimum framework conditions for the company's ongoing development," says Gert Thoenen, Chairman of the Board of Directors of SKAN.

A glance at the façade reveals the division of the building into a two-story production hall and two stories above it with office landscapes, cafeteria and laboratories. The vertical stacking of the different functions facilitates short communication paths. Versatile visual references permit glimpses into the various departments.

With the presence of other internationally active companies, the Bachgraben area is developing into an important component of Basel as a life science location. By remaining in the region, SKAN confirms its commitment to Basel as a production and business location.

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About Burckhardt+Partner

Burckhardt+Partner are an internationally distinguished and technologically prominent architectural office. It was founded in 1951 in Basel and has continued to develop ever since. Over the past 70 years, Burckhardt+Partner have not only had a major influence on architecture in Switzerland, but have also been able to compete on the international stage. Burckhardt+Partner currently run five branches in Switzerland and three in Germany.

About SKAN

SKAN, founded in 1968, is a Swiss company and a global market and technological leader for isolators, cleanroom devices, and decontamination processes for the aseptic production of biopharmaceutical substances. SKAN's core competency is the design and development of process isolators for the aseptic filling of biopharmaceutical products. Furthermore, the company offers its customers process support, services, and consumables.