



## PRESS INFORMATION

# THE ELBPILHARMONIE HAMBURG: FIGURES, DATES, FACTS

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### General Planner

Arbeitsgemeinschaft  
Herzog & de Meuron,  
Rheinschanze 6, CH-4056 Basel,  
Höhler + Partner Architekten und Ingenieure,  
Am Sandtorkai 73, 20457 Hamburg

### Partner for construction and operation

ADAMANTA Grundstücks-Vermietungsgesellschaft mbH & Co. Objekt Elbphilharmonie KG.  
Subcontractor construction and operation:  
HOCHTIEF Solutions AG,  
Opernplatz 2, 45128 Essen

### Users of the Concert Hall

HamburgMusik gGmbH – Elbphilharmonie und Laeiszhalle Betriebsgesellschaft  
Dammtorwall 46, 20335 Hamburg  
General and Artistic Director: Christoph Lieben-Seutter  
Financial Director: Jack F. Kurfess

### History of Planning and Realisation

- June 2003: »Philharmonie Hamburg« project sketch by architects Herzog & de Meuron including additional buildings (hotel, apartments, parking) on behalf of Alexander Gérard and Dieter Becken
- Sept. 2004: The Senate of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg (FHH) awards ReGe Hamburg the contract for a feasibility study to be completed by May 2005.
- Feb. 2005: Pan-European competition announced to search for a private partner for its construction, financing and operation.

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July 2005:	Based on the feasibility study the senate of FHH votes in favour of the construction of the Elbphilharmonie Hamburg.
Autumn 2006:	Planning application submitted.
Feb. 2007:	Hamburg City government unanimously votes in favour of construction of the Elbphilharmonie (proportion of costs for the City of Hamburg: 272 Million Euro)
Apr. 2007:	Building commences.
Nov. 2008:	Both parties agree to a settlement. Costs for the City of Hamburg increase to 495 Million Euro.
May 2010:	Topping-out ceremony
Nov. 2011:	Almost complete suspension of construction work by Hochtief
Apr. 2013:	After negotiations with the project partners, the City of Hamburg decides upon a restructuring of the project after which construction work is fully resumed. The restructuring agreement stipulates among other points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Additional responsibilities assigned to Hochtief: Assumption of all risks related to planning and construction, participation in a newly founded consortium with the architects, guaranteed meeting of quality requirements from the architects and the acoustician Yasuhisa Toyota, contractually guaranteed intermediate deadlines, and a binding date of completion</li><li>- A new construction schedule: Handover of the concert venue areas by 30 June 2016, final inspection and acceptance of the Elbphilharmonie by 31 October 2016</li><li>- Additional costs for the City of Hamburg: 256.65 Million Euro for the additional services executed by Hochtief and the architects and including, amongst others, costs for taxes and interest. Proportion of total costs for the City of Hamburg: 789 Million Euro.</li></ul>
July 2013:	Resumption of construction work
Sept. 2013:	Completion of 3D planning for the technical centre on the roof
Nov. 2013:	Completion of the building shell
Dec. 2013:	Installation of the White Skin begins
Jan. 2014:	Installation of the final element of the glass facade
March 2014:	Removal of the two tower cranes and installation of two rooftop cranes
Spring 2014:	Start of interior finishing work on the Plaza (Plaza tube, wind deflectors, ceilings and floors)
May 2014:	Completion of the element facade
Aug. 2014:	Completion of the roof, which is now sealed and rainproof
Sept. 2014:	Completed installation of nearly one third of the White Skin on the ceiling of the Grand Hall.



- Jan. 2015: Completed installation of the White Skin and the reflector on the ceiling of the Grand Hall. The renovation of the exterior facade of the red brick warehouse is finished.
- Apr. 2015: Completion of the technical area in the Grand Hall.
- June 2015: The project partners present the construction status of the Plaza to the press.
- Jan. 2016: The Hamburg Senate secures the basis for artistic operations of the Elbphilharmonie.
- Feb. 2016: The complete White Skin in the Grand Hall is presented to the press.

### Financing

Construction costs public area	€ 471.70 Mio.
Construction costs private area	€ 103.30 Mio.
Adamanta / forfeiting	€ 26.10 Mio.
Interest / financing	€ 48.50 Mio.
Costs General planner	€ 66.85 Mio.
Costs ReGe Hamburg	€ 67.40 Mio.
Taxes	€ 51.00 Mio.
Other project costs	€ 24.80 Mio.
Future free reserves	€ 6.00 Mio.
Total costs	€ 865.65 Mio.
deducting donations	€ 57.5 Mio.
deducting other income (sale pre-planning commercial areas and apartments)	€ 19.1 Mio.
Costs for the public sector	€ 789.05 Mio.

### Building

Total weight (equates to approx. 416,666 grand pianos, 722 Airbus A 380 or 2.5 Queen Mary cruise ships)	ca. 200,000 tons
Total gross floor area (equates to approx. 17 football pitches or 2/3 of the Alster lake)	ca. 120,000 m <sup>2</sup>
Kaispeicher A	ca. 58,000 m <sup>2</sup>
New glass construction	ca. 62,000 m <sup>2</sup>

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Total gross room volume	ca. 485,600 m <sup>3</sup>
Applied steel	ca. 18,000 tons
Applied concrete	ca. 63,000 m <sup>3</sup>
Area of Plaza	ca. 4,400 m <sup>2</sup>
Height of Plaza from ground level	37 m
Height of Grand Hall from ground level	50 m
Highest point	110 m
No. of seats in the Grand Hall	ca. 2,100
No. of seats in the Recital Hall	ca. 550
No. of seats in the Kaistudio	ca. 170
No. of planned apartments	ca. 45
No. of planned hotel rooms	ca. 250
No. of parking spaces	ca. 510
No. of window elements	1,100

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