

New commercial building planned
at Spitalstrasse 32 in Biel

Telekurs: Expansion in Biel

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Rolotec AG and Telekurs Card Solutions Ltd, both part of the Telekurs Group, continue to expand business activities at their Biel location. Thanks to the able assistance of the City of Biel, the Telekurs Group's employee pension fund was successful in acquiring a suitable plot of land at the site of the former Capitol Cinema at 32 Spitalstrasse. By 2009, a new commercial building is to be constructed on the site, comprising apartments, offices and small shops on a total area of 1,119 m². An overall project competition will be tendered to carry out what is, particularly from an urban planning point of view, a prominent building project.

Based in Biel, Switzerland, Rolotec AG is a software company that is primarily active in the fields of stock exchange information systems, data processing and knowledge management. Rolotec AG was founded 22 years ago and currently has 45 employees. The Telekurs Group has been the company's majority shareholder since 1998. A section of the IT development team of the Zurich-based company, Telekurs Card Solutions Ltd, has been based in Biel for the past 25 years. This team of nearly 30 experts develops various types of software, including that used in the processing of ATM withdrawals and non-cash payments with debit and credit cards. The positive development of business gives the two companies good cause to expect growth in personnel figures in the years to come. However, additional office space is needed to continue expanding business activities in Biel. The two companies anticipate concentrating up to 100 IT workplaces at the new location in Spitalstrasse.

Overall project competition

An overall project competition will be conducted to achieve an optimum result, particularly from an urban planning point of view. Selected companies will be invited to enter their applications in the near future. Four planning teams will be chosen to take part in the competition on the basis of these initial documents. By the end of the year, a committee consisting of various experts is expected to submit an implementation proposal to the Telekurs employee pension fund.

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Telekurs Group

The Telekurs Group is positioned as an internationally active service organization in the fields of card-based payment transactions, electronic payment systems and international financial information. All major Swiss banks and banking groups are represented among the shareholders. Founded in 1930, the Telekurs Group currently generates around 700 million Swiss francs in annual sales revenue and has over 1,700 employees, more than 400 of which are located abroad.

Telekurs Card Solutions is a leading processor of credit cards, debit cards and customer cards. The company develops and runs an open platform for card-based payment transactions. Its customers are all partners involved in cashless payment transfers: merchants, acquirers, card issuers and financial institutions. The company employs over 400 people in Switzerland.
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Rolotec AG

Rolotec AG is a Swiss software company primarily active in the fields of stock exchange information systems, data processing and knowledge management. Rolotec supports Swiss customers in various areas, particularly in the area of stock exchange information systems, and is also active in a number of European countries, in the USA and also in Asia. Rolotec was founded in 1985. The Telekurs Group has been the company's majority shareholder since 1998. Rolotec currently has 45 employees in Biel, the majority of which are software engineers.
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