













Zurich North America Headquarters

Schaumburg, Illinois, USA

Located on a 40-acre expressway site in suburban Chicago, the North American headquarters of Swiss-based Zurich Insurance Group is designed to reflect the company's global reach and world-class stature. The formal architectural resolution strives to represent both strength and stability, which are core values of the Zurich business model. Composed of three primary "bars" that are offset and stacked, the arrangement creates unique spaces for collaboration, opens views of the surrounding landscape, optimizes solar orientation for amenities, and provides programmatic flexibility not found in typical center-core office buildings. The top "bar" of the complex soars 11 stories and cantilevers toward downtown Chicago, providing visual identity along the interstate while projecting the strength and future focus of the company.

Certified LEED Platinum, the 783,800-square-foot complex reinforces Zurich's commitment to environmental stewardship. A network of horizontal sunshades clads the perimeter of the complex, with the sunshades varying in depth depending on orientation, while floor-to-ceiling glass offers extensive natural light for the shallow office plates. A soaring three-story double wall faces south toward the multi-level plazas, showcasing an architecture that responds to the changing Chicago climate. In the end, a timeless material palette married to a bold, clear form creates a unique identity for the Zurich headquarters that embodies the core values of the company.

Project Data

SIZE

11 stories
783,800 sf total
40 acres / 16.2 hectares

FEATURES

Fitness center
Cafeteria
Conference center
Outdoor terraces
Walking trails
2,350 parking spaces
LEED Platinum
Developer: CRG

CLIENT

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Recognition & News

RECOGNITION

2020 Gold Award, Commercial Building – Pro+ Awards
2018 Green Good Design Award – The Chicago Athenaeum
2017 International Architecture Award – The Chicago Athenaeum
2017 Honorable Mention, Office & Retail – The Architect's Newspaper
2017 Best Project, Green Projects – ENR Midwest Magazine
2017 Build to Suit Project of the Year – Chicago Commercial Real Estate Awards
2017 National Award of Merit, Office Buildings – Design-Build Institute of America
2017 Building Team Silver Award – Building Design & Construction Magazine
2017 Finalist, Excellence in Design (Architecture) – Design-Build Institute of America
2017 Finalist, Merit Award for New Construction Suburbs – Chicago Building Congress
2016 Award of Merit – Structural Engineers Association of Illinois
2014 Office Development of the Year – NAIOP Chicago Chapter

NEWS

Goettsch Partners Promotes De Santis to Partner
ENR Midwest Conveys Project of the Year and Two Best Project Honors to GP Projects
Zurich North America Headquarters Wins 2017

International Architecture Award

BD+C Honors Two GP Projects in 2017 Building Team Awards

BuiltWorlds Features Tour of Zurich North America Headquarters

Chicago Commercial Real Estate Awards Convey Wide Honors

The Architect's Newspaper Reviews Zurich North America Headquarters

Goettsch Partners Celebrates Opening of LEED Platinum-Certified Zurich North America Headquarters

Chicago Tribune Reviews Zurich North America Headquarters

2016 SEA01 Awards Honor Four GP Projects