

Press release

Unite opens new headquarters in Leipzig, Germany

Leipzig, Germany, 29 February 2024: The European e-procurement platform business Unite has officially opened its corporate headquarters on 29 February 2024, with a ceremony held in Leipzig, Germany. The state-of-the-art building in the city centre marks an important milestone in the company's history, spanning more than 20-years.

Well set for future growth

"The opening of our new corporate headquarters is an exciting milestone on our journey to connect the economy for sustainable business. Here, our vision comes to life to create an open, collaborative, and connected environment to deliver future-leading e-procurement solutions and services to our B2B and public sector customers. Our values and innovative spirit have driven our corporate development in the past and will continue to propel our sustainable growth in the years ahead," explained Unite's CEO and founder, Dr Sebastian Wieser.

Unite's employees and the Executive Board, celebrated the grand opening with the Mayor of Leipzig, Burkhard Jung and esteemed guests from the company's business community.

Strong roots in the heart of Europe

Founded as Mercateo in 2000, Unite relocated its headquarters from Munich to Leipzig in 2019. For several years, the local offices were spread across different locations in the city. Now, the Unite team has consolidated into one central location at the heart of the city – with 42 truckloads and 368 moving boxes, reusing all existing furniture within the framework of Unite's new work and sustainability concept.

"With our new headquarters, we are not only situated at one of Europe's oldest trading arteries, the Via Regia, but we're also closing a gap in our company's history. No longer scattered across multiple locations, we can offer all Unitees a home port, regardless of whether they regularly visit from the region or from our international locations for major events. This is a place that fosters a sense of identity and collaboration – an essential aspect of our Unite culture," adds Unite's Executive Board member, Peter Ledermann.

Modern setup for hybrid working

The building, designed by the architects from KLM-Architekten Leipzig, was planned to meet the needs of the modern working world. The ergonomic and open workspaces offer various options for Unite employees to collaborate, attend hybrid meetings, or find a quiet spot for focused work. The eight-storey building was realised by real estate project developer OFB Projektentwicklung. The building permit was granted in November 2020 with construction commencing in 2021 and completion in the summer of 2023. Unite has invested in the interior design and signed a long-term lease for the 9,900 square metres (106,500 square feet) of office space. The aim for the project is to achieve the DGNB Gold certification, which certifies a global standard for sustainable construction.





Board Member Peter Ledermann and CEO Dr Sebastian Wieser | Photo: Nils Günther-Alavanja/Unite



The Mayor of Leipzig and Peter Ledermann at the opening. Photo: Eric Kemnitz/Unite



The Unite headquarters is in the city of Leipzig. Photo: Eric Kemnitz/Unite

About Unite

Unite connects the economy for sustainable business. The trusted e-procurement platform, with its integrated Mercateo Marketplace and Procurement Portal, enables effortless sourcing and purchasing for B2B and public sector organisations. Bringing buyers and suppliers together for mutual benefit, Unite has established a solid foundation of fair competition and trustworthy partnerships. The platform's scalable infrastructure supports connections, business stability and a robust supply chain. Unite revolutionises e-commerce for B2B and the

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public sector by adding and sharing value for markets and communities. In 2022, Unite became the first platform business accredited with the <u>Fair Tax Mark</u>, representing the global standard for responsible tax practices.

Unite was founded in 2000 and is headquartered in Leipzig, Germany. It operates in 12 European countries, with over 700 employees working both in-office and remotely. In 2022, Unite achieved revenue of €447.7 million

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