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Frankfurt exhibitions ground: a city within a city

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Located at the heart of financial and business centre Frankfurt, the exhibition grounds are among the largest and most modern worldwide with some 372.000 m² of hall area and approximate 67,000 m² of free space at its disposal. As well as excellent international transport connections by air, rail and road, the exhibition venue enjoys excellent public transport connections.

The S-Bahn suburban train station “Messe” stops in the centre of the exhibition grounds, the U-Bahn underground train station and the Strassenbahn tram station are located directly at the City Entrance/Festhalle.

The venue is extremely convenient for visitors and exhibitors alike – trade fair guests in Frankfurt can choose from a wide range of hotels with approximate 12,000 hotel rooms within walking distance of the exhibition grounds. Mobility-impaired visitors can move about easily: the Via Mobile covered moving walkway is a barrier-free access and connection network that joins together all halls on the exhibition grounds.

With their unique designs, renowned architects such as Helmut Jahn, Oswald M. Ungers and Nicolas Grimshaw gave Messe Frankfurt’s exhibition grounds an unmistakable look that dovetails perfectly with Frankfurt’s modern cityscape. Messe Frankfurt customers set great store by the highly functional nature of its halls and conference facilities, which are ideal for hosting a broad cross-section of events. With the Congress Center and Kap Europa, the company operates two congress centres as well.

The Operation & Security Center is the central control room for all security-related matters. First aid station, police, security and all other security partners and service providers are found here under one roof.

Overview of trade fair halls, service and administration buildings

(Gross exhibition area in m²)

City Entrance & Hall 1	1989	18,000 m ²	Helmut Jahn
Festhalle (Hall 2)	1909	5,600 m ²	Friedrich von Thiersch
Forum	2001	Areal hall / Panorama hall 2,300 m ² each	KSP Engel / Zimmermann
Hall 3	2001	38,000 m ²	Nicolas Grimshaw
Hall 4	1983	43,000 m ²	Architects Otzmann, Maurer, Groethuysen and Wirsing
Hall 5	1971 / 72 Dismantling as of end of November 2019 New building completed by 2023	21,000 m ² 18,000 m ²	Martin Schoenmakers Gruber + Kleine-Kraneburg
Hall 6	1961 / 1963 / 1971 / 2019	(originally 35,000 m ²) 26,000 m ²	Martin Schoenmakers
Torhaus main building / Torhaus Süd (South) / Torhaus Nord (North)	1984 / 1989 / 1997	117 m high / 30 storeys	Oswald M. Ungers
Hall 8	1967	30,200 m ²	Steinbüchel-Rheinwall
Hall 9	1981 /1982 / 1996	56,200 m ²	Oswald M. Ungers
Galleria	1983	Between Hall 8 and Hall 9 / 100 metres long and 30 metres high	Oswald M. Ungers
Hall 10	1973 / 1978 / 1992	64,700 m ²	Martin Schoenmakers / Oswald M. Ungers
Congress Centre	1996	15,000 m ² / 4 levels / 9 congress halls	Helmut W. Joos
New Dependance	2005	5 floors	Nicolas Grimshaw
Cargo Center	2007	5,500 m ²	Kölling Architekten Gbr
Hall 11 & Portalhaus	2009	23,000 m ²	Hascher Jehle Architektur

Kap Europa	2014	7,700 m ² / 4 levels / 14 conference rooms	Klaus Lenz ECE Projektmanagement GmbH & Co. KG
Operation & Security Center (OSC)	2014	2,200 m ²	hhp-Architekten
Hall 12	2018	33,600 m ²	Kadawittfeldarchitektur GmbH

Background information on Messe Frankfurt

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Headquartered in Frankfurt am Main, the company is owned by the City of Frankfurt (60 percent) and the State of Hesse (40 percent).

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