

Canada House

Embassy of Canada with rental offices, retail area and residential spaces as PPP–Project
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View from Leipziger Platz (Photo © M. Matschewski)

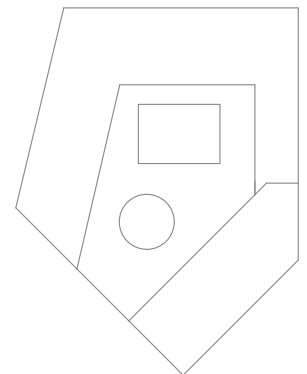


View from Ebertstrasse (Photo © Canadian Embassy Berlin)



Green Roof with Mackenzie River (Photo © M. Matschewski)

Location	Leipziger Platz 17, D-10117 Berlin, Germany	
Client	Hannover Leasing GmbH Wolfratshauser Straße 49 82049 Pullach im Isartal	
Architect	KGS Joint Venture Architects (Design) PRvM Architekten	
Main tenant	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ottawa, Kanada	
Brief	Embassy building with representative lobby, Canada lounge, auditorium, meeting areas, offices and consular section Private reception area of the ambassador public passage with retail area offices and representative flats in the top floors	
Scop of services	Optimisation of internal layout design, approval documents, execution documents and site supervision	
Size	Embassy	7.380 sqm
	Offices	4.180 sqm
	Commercial	1.170 sqm
	Residential	2.490 sqm
	Basement	4.600 sqm
Duration	2001– 2006	
Completion	2006	



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Timber hall (Photo © Canadian Embassy Berlin)

The Canada House is one of the first realised PPP-projects (Public Private Partnerships) in Germany. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs Canada in Germany is the main tenant, and Hannover Leasing is the private investor. Other companies and individuals rent other parts of the building: high quality office spaces, retail areas and penthouse flats.

The tasks of our office were, taking the design of the Canadian Architectural Team as our basis, first of all to optimise the planning of the Embassy according to the internal operational and organisational structure, to minimise the building costs while

retaining the high Canadian standards, and to generate more efficient use of space and more square meters on the site. To achieve these goals we rendered architectural services from preliminary design up to detailed execution design, and monitored the site works to ensure that the quality standards were met. The Canada House is intended as a cultural bridge between Canada and Germany.

Large window surfaces and façade cladding out of clear-cut Manitoba Tyndall Stone make the very welcoming building stand out, even in a group of new structures. The reception area of the Embassy is located on



Façade of courtyard (Photo © M. Matschewski)



Courtyard (Photo © Canadian Embassy Berlin)

Leipziger Platz, and is enhanced by a water garden with a two storey high waterfall. The building is a composition of varying forms. The cylinder-shaped Timber Hall, with the Canada Lounge on the ground floor and the Conference Room above, and the two storey high Auditorium connect the foyer with a public passage at ground level. Here are located shops and offices occupied by Canadian enterprises, and together with the Embassy, they represent „a piece of Canada“ in Berlin.