

FACT SHEET SIEMENS IN SWITZERLAND

Siemens in Switzerland

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General Information

- Siemens has been operating in Switzerland since 1894, actively contributing to the nation's technological progress and sustainable development.
- The hydroelectric power station in Wynau near Bern marks the birth of Siemens in Switzerland. After 14 months of construction, electric light was switched on for the first time. This first Siemens project in Switzerland laid the foundation for further development.
- Siemens is one of the biggest technology companies in Switzerland.
- Today, more than 30,000 customers rely on our solutions in the fields of industry, energy, healthcare, transportation and infrastructure.
- Around 6,000 people are employed here from diverse backgrounds and nationalities in 20 locations. Siemens Switzerland promotes young talent and is currently training around 250 apprentices.
- In FY 2023, Siemens in Switzerland generated sales of approximately 2.8 billion Swiss francs.
- The company is strengthening its commitment to Switzerland by investing 250 million francs in the construction of the cutting-edge campus in Zug, which was completed in fall 2023. The climate-neutral campus serves as the new headquarters for Siemens Smart Infrastructure (SI), which employs around 1700 people in Zug and around 75000 people worldwide.
- Thanks to research and development and close cooperation with Swiss universities, Siemens is a strong partner for Switzerland as a centre of knowledge.

The importance of sustainability

Sustainability plays a crucial role for Siemens in Switzerland.

- As one of the biggest technology companies and a significant contributor to Swiss society, Siemens assumes social responsibility. With an eye to the future, the company is aiming for CO₂ neutral business operations by 2030.
- The three sites owned by Siemens in Steinhausen, Zurich and Zug obtain electricity from renewable energy sources in the form of hydropower or photovoltaics. This corresponds to 90% of Siemens' electricity consumption in Switzerland. The two locations in Zurich and Zug are LEED-certified.
- Since 2020, the buildings in Zurich, Steinhausen and Wallisellen have been drawing heat from biogas. The aim is to obtain 100% of electricity from renewable sources by 2030, as envisaged by the RE100 initiative.
- Gradual electrification of the vehicle fleet by 2030 and continuous expansion of the charging infrastructure at all Siemens locations. Employees, customers and guests can charge their vehicles free of charge.
- Biodiversity measures have been implemented, such as green roofs and rainwater infiltration.
- Furthermore, Siemens cooperates with various universities and research institutes in Switzerland, such as the ETH in Zurich.

Relevant projects in Switzerland

The three projects demonstrate the significant contribution that Siemens makes to the Swiss economy:

- Verkehrsbetriebe Zürich (public transport company) and Siemens, in collaboration with Autexis Control AG, are modernizing and automating Zurich's public transportation infrastructure. Digitalization initiatives at the Oerlikon tram depot include automated track control and visualization systems, enhancing operational efficiency. Siemens' hardware and the web-based WinCC Unified visualization system are integral to this transformation, providing real-time data and control capabilities. The project emphasizes cybersecurity measures and has received approval for its modernized operations at the Oerlikon depot, paving the way for further digitalization efforts at other depots like Tramdepot Hard.
- The traditional BEATUS Wellness & Spa Hotel in Merligen in the Bernese Oberland sees sustainability as a signpost to the future. As with many other hotels, heat generation is extremely energy-intensive and often heavily dependent on fossil fuels - as was the case at BEATUS before the new solution was implemented. In order to renew the hotel's heat generation and make it more ecological and CO2-free, Siemens was commissioned with a so-called turnkey project for the implementation. A project of this type is characterized by its turnkey and holistic character, in which Siemens, as the technical general contractor, assumes responsibility for all trades as well as coordinates and implements the necessary project steps with the various partners. Thanks to seawater heat pumps, the connection of the system to the Siemens Desigo PX automation system as well as other implemented energy-saving measures, the hotel can reduce its annual CO2 emissions by up to 719 tons. Energy monitoring with Siemens Navigator was integrated as part of the project in order to monitor the energy consumption and performance of the system in the future and to identify further optimization measures.
- The Siemens campus Zug, completed on fall 2023, serves as the international headquarters for Siemens Smart Infrastructure and stands for Siemens' commitment to achieving net-zero emissions by 2030. With a seven-year construction period and an investment of 250 million Swiss francs, the campus is fostering innovation and sustainability in Switzerland. Using cutting-edge technologies, such as renewable energy sources, heat pumps and digital building solutions, the campus sets new standards for sustainable construction and operation. It also serves as a hub for research and development, providing state-of-the-art laboratories and fostering a diverse workforce of 1,700 employees from 60 nations.

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