

FACTSHEET

Limbecker Platz, Essen

Start of construction:	2 May 2006
Laying of foundation stone:	13 September 2006
Topping-out ceremony:	6 September 2007
Opening:	Phase 1: 13 March 2008 Complete complex: 2009 (planned)
Location:	Essen city centre at the beginning of the Limbecker Strasse pedestrian zone, between Ostfeld Strasse, Berliner Platz and Limbecker Platz
Shopping levels:	3.5
Retail area:	Approx. 70,000 square metres of retail space (35,000 square metres net additional area following the demolition of the existing Karstadt department store, Karstadt Sport building and SinnLeffers fashion store), some 200 shops including over 100 fashion outlets, various other clothes stores, a huge 20,000 square metre Karstadt department store and a Karstadt Sport

outlet comprising some 3,500 square metres, an entertainment electronics store, several international clothes stores, a “gourmet zone” and food court, a dozen cafés and restaurants, plus various service providers.

Parking spaces:	Approx. 2,000
Catchment area:	Approx. 1.7 million inhabitants
Road links:	Via the A42, A40, A52 and A3 motorways and from the B224, B227 and B1 highways
Public transport:	Berliner Platz underground station, various bus routes
Volume of investment:	Approx. €300 million
Jobs:	Up to 1,000 during construction, approx. 2,000 (full- and part-time) once the mall opens
Architects:	Jost Hering, Gisela Simon, ECE Projektmanagement G.m.b.H. & Co. KG, Hamburg in conjunction with: Henn Architekten, Munich
Main contractor:	Bilfinger Berger AG, Essen
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