

Lindt  HOME OF CHOCOLATE



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Schokoladenplatz 1 at the halfway stage – Lindt Home of Chocolate celebrates the completion of phase one

Swiss chocolate enjoys a global reputation and has become an integral part of Switzerland's national identity. This is due in no small part to the tireless efforts of the Swiss chocolate pioneers and the constant stream of innovations within the industry. An equally grand vision was needed to ensure this momentum is sustained in future and Swiss expertise continues to grow and develop. The new Lindt Home of Chocolate, which is being financed and realized by the Lindt Chocolate Competence Foundation, is now turning this vision into reality. But this flagship project signals much more than that: the start of a new era for the entire Swiss chocolate industry.

16,600 m³
of concrete poured for the
shell of the building

20 meters
will be the final height of the
Lindt Home of Chocolate building

There has been great progress during the 626 days of construction work since the groundbreaking ceremony in January 2017:

In all weather conditions – sun, wind, rain and snow – the builders worked extremely hard to keep to the tight construction schedule. Just one year after the ceremony to lay the foundation stone in September 2017, the shell of the building was completed and stood at the specified height of 20 meters. Around 2,500 tons of steel and 16,600 cubic meters of concrete were used in this construction phase and the interior of the building was supported by more than 1,400 sturdy timber braces.

Visitors are already looking forward to Switzerland's first Lindt Café.





8 meters

depth of excavation for
the foundations

350 km

of electric cables laid

1,440

timber pillars
acting as braces

2,500

tons
of iron used

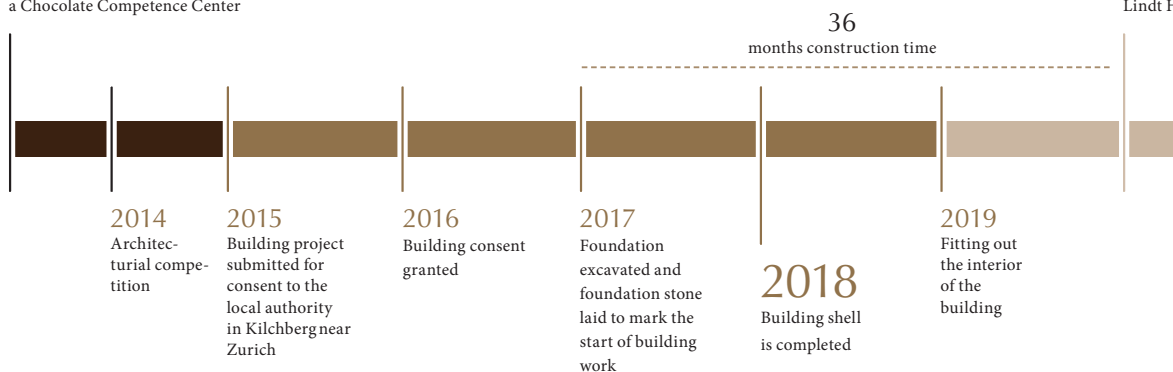
The Lindt chocolate fountain in the entrance hall is 8 meters high – the world's tallest using real chocolate.

2013

Visionary idea first put forward for
a Chocolate Competence Center

2020

Opening of the
Lindt Home of Chocolate





170,000 red
and
50,000 white
bricks
required for the building facade

Another milestone was celebrated in September 2018 with a “topping-out” ceremony. More than 250 workers, tradesmen, planners, etc. involved in the project came along to the shell of the Lindt Home of Chocolate building to toast the successful work to date.

One of the interactive experiences is dedicated to the Swiss pioneers who shaped Switzerland's chocolate industry.

In September 2018 all those working on the project were invited to a topping-out celebration for the Lindt Home of Chocolate.





A special visitor highlight in the Lindt Home of Chocolate is the tasting room for pralines.

93 × 45 meters

The building's total surface area is roughly the size of a soccer pitch

The second phase now involves fitting out the interior of the building. When it opens in 2020, the Lindt Home of Chocolate will offer Swiss and international visitors a multimedia and interactive exhibition, a demonstration of chocolate production and the world's biggest Chocolate Shop, a Café and a Chokolateria hosting classes in how to make chocolate.

One special highlight will be the world's tallest chocolate fountain, eight meters in height. This will be displayed in the main entrance hall and will of course use real chocolate. Every year, over 350,000 guests are expected to make the pilgrimage to a unique chocolate experience at the new address "Schokoladenplatz 1".



The Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors, Ernst Tanner, the architect, Emanuel Christ, and Raffael Brogna from the construction company Priora, took advantage of the event to thank all the partners for their immense performance.



All the partners involved in the project then came together for dinner to celebrate the completion of this important construction phase.

133,590 tons
of earth excavated
for the foundations and
carted off in 4,450 truckloads

12,000 meters
of steel cable (600 lengths
between 13 and 28 meters)