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Project details

Client	Tamedia AG
Architecture	Shigeru Ban Architects
Project type	Office and administration
Construction type	Free Form
Services	Timber construction
Construction	2012
Locality	Zurich
Country	Switzerland

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Tamedia head office is Switzerland's first seven-storey timber structure

Near the main railway station in the centre of Zurich, a visionary office building completed in May 2013 demonstrates the potential of wood as a material for large-scale urban structures. Pritzker Prize winner Shigeru Ban is renowned just as much for his striking timber constructions as for his humanitarian buildings in crisis-affected areas. The aim is to put the skeletal supporting framework together like a modular concept, leaving the static system visible and the wood elements exposed. Precise, innovative planning paired with a special hardwood filling, high quality materials, CNC production and a refined assembly concept enabled the high demands of the client and architect to be met.

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7-storey office building



Exposed support structure inside the building

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Open-plan reception area

High glass frontages on the top floor