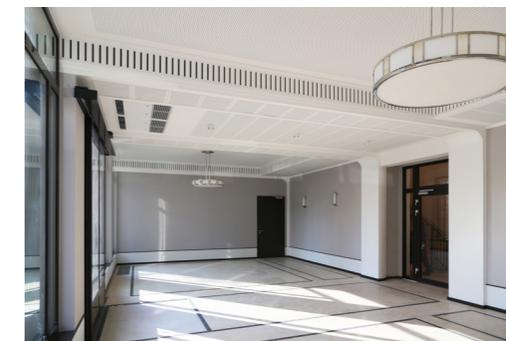


Headquarter of the German Bundes- wehrverband Berlin Kreuzberg

Client: Kondor Wessels
Project stages: 1–5
Time frame: 2014–2017
GFA: 5.200 sqm
Site: Stresemannstraße 57-59
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The buildings between Hallesche Strasse, Stresemannstrasse, and Möckernstrasse were destroyed during World War II, but since 2014 the area has experienced a rebirth. After the construction of a residential unit on Hallesche Strasse, one of the quarter's last remaining elements was completed when the new headquarters of the German Bundeswehrverband (DBwV), an association representing the interests of the German armed forces' military and civilian personnel, was built at the corner of Stresemannstrasse and Hedemannstrasse. It owes its sphinx-like appearance to an urban planning design that called for a free-standing

building at this location on Stresemannstrasse. The six-storey structure rises from a two-storey brick plinth; the seventh floor is set back from the line of the façade, which is rendered in white plaster articulated by elegant pilaster strips. The structure's rounded corners add a touch of lightness to its overall appearance. The executive level is located on the top floor, where 4.5-metre-high rooms look out on green and leafy roof terraces off to the sides. On the garden side, ground floor conference rooms enclose a small courtyard garden centred around the only surviving witness to the site's past: a 250-year-old protected oak tree.