



History

Offenbach on the Main: The name itself stresses the importance of the river for this city. The location of the water had an immense impact on the development of Offenbach. Initially it developed into a market and trading town, followed by a central settlement of industry in the Rhine-Main area.

Planning of the Offenbach harbor began in the second half of the 19th century. It was inaugurated in 1902 after a construction period of three years. From then on, the harbor played a major role in urban life as a workplace and recreation area. Apart from the frequent use as an industrial and trade harbor, the Offenbach sport swimmers trained at the peak of the harbor peninsula and the first rowing and water sports clubs settled at the riverbank.

Frankfurt Airport obtained its kerosene until 1964 from the oil harbor which was built in 1950. The harbor however lost its importance during the oil crisis in the mid 70's of the 20th century; formerly important enterprises abandoned the location around 1990.

In 1998, the town councilors of Offenbach decided to return the central urban significance to the river in Offenbach and passed a change of use of the harbor area: By the year 2020, a new urban district will be created on the banks of the Main River, which will combine living, working and recreation.

Chronological Table

September 1902	Opening of the Offenbach Harbor
Up until 1990	Industrial use of the harbor
1998	The town councilors of Offenbach pass a change of use of the harbor area.
2000	Foundation of the Mainviertel Offenbach GmbH & Co. KG to develop and maintain the Offenbach Harbor Project

2004	Cultural Center „Hafen 2“ and „King Kamehameha Beach Club“ are given interim use of the land and buildings (old locomotive shed).
2004	The town councilors approve the outline plan concept “Offenbach Harbor Project” and the planning approval by resolution of the building plan.
2006	Preliminary plan, early public participation
2006	Grant of the framework ruling for the ground water decontamination of the Offenbach Harbor by the regional Council of Darmstadt
September 2006	First Harbor Symposium „How is the Future created? New Impulses in Site Development“. Since then, held annually
February 2008	Commencement of the building plan No. 563A Offenbach Harbor, Mainviertel
2008	Conclusion of the first realization contract to develop the 1 st section at Offenbach Harbor signed between Stadtwerke Offenbach Holding GmbH (SOH) and The City of Offenbach
April 2008	Opening of the Boxing Club Nordend e.V. located at Hafen 19
September 2008	Initial operation of the ground water decontamination system
March 2009	Building start of the 1 st construction section

December 2009	Completion of rearrangement of the intersection Nordring/ Carl-Ulrich Bridge
March 2010 Offenbach harbor	Resolution by City Council of Offenbach to build a four-stream elementary school with a day-care center at the
April 2010	First investor at Offenbach Harbor: ABG Frankfurt Holding GmbH acquires a plot in the 1 st construction section to build approximately 170 apartments. AGB secure the option to acquire more space.
August 2010	Fundamental decision by the State of Hessen to erect the new Design University of Offenbach (HfG) at Offenbach Harbor
September 2010	Out-of-court settlement between the collective complaint by six companies from Frankfurt, the City of Offenbach am Main and the Mainviertel Offenbach GmbH & Co. KG. The contested B-Plan remains legally binding.
July 2011	Resolution and financing concept to preserve the cultural center „Hafen2“. In order to make room for the planned elementary school, a plan is made to move the cultural center to a new location near the harbor as of 2012.
August 2011	Investor ABG Frankfurt Holding starts building residential area: The groundbreaking ceremony was held with the Lord Mayors of Frankfurt und Offenbach.
August 2011	Urban design competition for all-day elementary school, day-care center and sports hall has been decided upon. The winners of the architectural competition are the architects waechter und waechter from Darmstadt with their design.
October 2011	The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Nachhaltiges Bauen (German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB)) awards the urban quarter Offenbach Harbor the (pre) Certificate in Gold in the category Urban Quarter, New constructions.

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