

LafargeHolcim plant in Hungary wins gold World Prix d'Excellence

LafargeHolcim's Kiralyegyhaza cement plant in Hungary has received the World Prix d'Excellence 2017 from the International Real Estate Federation (FIABCI). The plant was awarded the World Gold Winner prize in the industrial buildings category for its outstanding environmental performance and the high architectural quality of the plant buildings. The FIABCI represents the world's real estate professions and its annual World Prix d'Excellence recognizes state-of-the-art architectural projects in several categories from heritage buildings to residential and office constructions.

Alexander Romanenko, President of the FIABCI World Prix d'Excellence Awards Committee: "The jury was impressed with the very unique building design. The whole complex is built compactly occupying only minimum arable land to enable sustaining agricultural activity. For a heavy industry and its reputation as the most modern cement plant in Europe, the project is exceptional for being environmental friendly."

Roland Köhler, Region Head Europe, Australia/New Zealand and Trading at LafargeHolcim: "We are proud to have received this important award. Kiralyegyhaza was the first new greenfield cement plant built in Europe in 20 years and is the most modern cement plant of LafargeHolcim in Europe. The plant is a prime example of how we were able to combine superior operational efficiency with high environmental performance in an architecturally unique plant building."

The plant's state-of-the-art manufacturing equipment was designed to meet the highest environmental standards. Since the start of operations LafargeHolcim has continuously worked to further reduce the environmental impact of the plant. As a result, both CO₂ emissions and power consumption have been reduced by more than 20 percent over five years. The Group also significantly increased the use of alternative fuels in the production process. Today, almost 60 percent of the plant's thermal energy needs are met by using alternative fuels thus significantly reducing the amount of fossil fuels needed.

At the same time, the plant with its clean lines and contrasting materials shows how an industrial building can meet high aesthetic standards while fulfilling all functional requirements. The facades are dominated by stripes as the recurring and connecting elements while the use of limestone in both external and internal areas provide the architectural connection to the key raw material for the production of cement.



Further pictures available on request. A video of the plant can be accessed [here](#).

About the Kiralyegyhaza plant

Located around 250 kilometers south of Budapest, the plant was opened in 2011 after a construction phase of around four years. It is one of the most modern cement plants in Europe and has a capacity of 1 million tonnes per year. It employs around 130 people today. The plant has already won a variety of awards in Hungary including the CSR Hungary Award in 2013 and the Hungarian Real Estate Development Award in 2015.

About LafargeHolcim

LafargeHolcim is the leading global building materials and solutions company serving masons, builders, architects and engineers all over the world. Group operations produce cement, aggregates and ready-mix concrete which are used in building projects ranging from affordable housing and small, local projects to the biggest, most technically and architecturally challenging infrastructure projects. As urbanization increasingly impacts people and the planet, the Group provides innovative products and building solutions with a clear commitment to social and environmental sustainability. With leading positions in all regions, LafargeHolcim employs around 90,000 employees in more than 80 countries and has a portfolio that is equally balanced between developing and mature markets.

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