

Headquarters
Open for business

① BMW Headquarters,
Milbertshofen-Am-Hart
Test site

Austrian architect Karl Schwanzer delivered BMW's shiny offices, which resemble a four-cylinder engine and are topped with the company logo (which almost sneaked into the background of TV broadcasts from the 1972 Olympics). It's an impressive feat considering each of the 22 floors were constructed at ground level and elevated around the concrete core using hydraulics.
*130 Peuelring, 80809
bmwgroup.com*



③ Siemens Headquarters,
Altstadt-Lehel
Well engineered

Keen to keep its headquarters in central Munich, Siemens demolished the tired buildings behind Palais Ludwig Ferdinand and commissioned Henning Larsen Architects to build glass-clad offices for 1,200 employees.

The complex opened in 2016 and parts are open to the public as a pedestrian thoroughfare between Altstadt and the museums in Maxvorstadt. Its sustainable design includes more than 800 photovoltaic solar panels and façades that taper to allow light to filter to lower floors.
*1 Werner-von-Siemens-Strasse, 80333
siemens.com/headquarters*



② Hypo Vereinsbank München
Arabellapark, Bogenhausen
City icon

The flamboyantly futuristic Hypo-Haus tower, completed in 1981, houses Hypo Vereinsbank's headquarters and was designed by Munich duo Walther and Bea Betz. At almost 115 metres, it's the fifth-tallest building in the city.

In 2013 the listed building was renovated to improve its energy efficiency. "The tower is more than a renovated office building," says board member Heinz Laber. "It's a symbol for a sustainably operating, constantly changing and modernising Hypo Vereinsbank."
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hvb-tower.de*

Postwar modernism
Welcome vision

① Neue Maxburg, Altstadt-Lehel
Law and order

The airy Pacellistrasse courthouse was constructed in the mid-1950s on the site of a formidable castle, the Herzog-Max-Burg, which was almost entirely destroyed in the Second World War. The listed building is a feat of postwar modernism constructed by architects Sep Ruf and Theo Pabst. Inside, the curved staircase is one of Munich's most beautiful, leading up to a cupola that creates an illusion of endless space.
5 Pacellistrasse, 80333



② Technische Universität München,
Maxvorstadt
Learning curves

The TUM buildings are spread across the city and even further afield – their master-brewer degree programme is at Weihenstephan in Freising, north of the city – but the main building is located just north of the city centre.

Architect Robert Vorhoelzer (who returned to Munich from wartime exile in Turkey) oversaw its rebuilding after the Second World War. He created a six-storey affair with high ceilings that is suffused with light. A highlight is the angular stairwell that leads to the rooftop café.
*21 Arcisstrasse, 80333
tum.de*



See you at the top
of the stairs – I'll
get there first

