

INTEGRA Biosciences is building a company campus for 400 employees in Zizers

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The internationally active technology company INTEGRA Biosciences is expanding its headquarters in Zizers into an innovation and production site with space for 400 employees. 250 new jobs will be created by 2028. On 1 November 2021, the company held the groundbreaking ceremony for the «INTEGRA Campus».

INTEGRA's robots, laboratory products and pipettes are in demand all over the world. They are in such demand that the company's sales rose by 73 per cent in 2020. Over the past ten years, growth has averaged 23 per cent. «We are growing faster and more strongly than we expected,» says CEO Urs Hartmann. «That's why we want to increase capacity in all areas of the company. By building the INTEGRA Campus, we can secure the Zizers site for long-term development.» The existing building in the Tardisland industrial area was built in 2009 and first extended in 2019. It will now be expanded into a 30,000-square-metre campus. 250 new jobs will be created. Construction began with today's groundbreaking and is due to be completed in two phases. The first phase of the new building will open in 2023, the second in 2028.

Automated industrial operation and creative village in one

The biggest change will be in production. Until now, INTEGRA produced its patented pipette tips and other consumables exclusively at its site in Hudson, New Hampshire, USA. In future, this will also happen in Zizers. A production hall is planned where state-of-the-art injection moulding machines in a clean room will produce around 40 different types of pipette tips. «We are switching to 24-hour operation and relying on a high level of automation,» explains Urs Hartmann. A fully automated high-bay warehouse is available for finished products and consumables. From the logistics dock, they will then be delivered to Switzerland and around the world.

However, the INTEGRA Campus is not meant to be just an industrial operation geared to efficiency and excellence. It is also meant to be a place where innovation happens. For this purpose, a «creative village» is planned, made up of open and enclosed work areas with offices, coworking zones and public spaces for engineering, marketing, IT and administration. A scientific test laboratory of its own and a restaurant are also planned.

An intelligent continuation

The company commissioned the architects, engineers and consultants of Fanzun AG for the general planning of the INTEGRA Campus. «We have designed a functional, structurally flexible infrastructure that at the same time meets the demands of the highest workplace quality,» explains architect Gian Fanzun. Both inside and outside, the concept of the existing building is picked up and developed further. A photovoltaic system on the roof and a heat pump for heating and cooling ensure energy-efficient, environmentally friendly operation. Charging stations for electric cars are also available. These elements are part of a company sustainability programme that INTEGRA has launched. The aim is to reduce the ecological footprint of the entire company as far as possible.

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A regional showcase project

The INTEGRA Campus is a flagship project for the canton of Graubünden and the host municipalities of Zizers and Landquart. Companies have been settling on the Tardisland site, right next to the Landquart Fashion Outlet, for 20 years. Together, they have so far created 1,700 jobs. Marc Handlery, Chairman of the Board of the Tardisland site, is pleased about INTEGRA's plans: «It's great that we can support INTEGRA, a company with a strong international profile, in its further growth on Tardisland.» For Marcus Caduff, Government Councillor and head of the Department of Economic Affairs and Social Welfare, the new building is a showcase project: «INTEGRA is creating attractive jobs in the canton of Graubünden and thereby underlines the high quality of Graubünden as a place to do business, work and live. This investment strengthens the business location.»

Wanted: employees who enjoy helping to shape things

As a growing company, INTEGRA Biosciences offers numerous entry-level and career opportunities for people who like to make things happen. Existing employees particularly value the flat hierarchies, short decision-making paths, family-like atmosphere and great freedom to shape their work. Urgently sought are development engineers, marketing and IT specialists and production staff. More on this: www.integra-biosciences.com/en/careers

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