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Catering kitchen and event location

Breathing new life into the well-known Klybeck canteen: Ryago AG of the Wyniger Group takes over the icon

Basel-based Ryago AG of the Wyniger Group is taking over the premises of the well-known Klybeck canteen on the site of Rhystadt AG. Ryago AG will use the former industrial kitchen as a production site. In the future, the restaurant area will be open to the public as an event space.

Ryago AG will take over the premises on the first floor of the WKL-610 building on the Rhystadt AG site as of October 2022. The building is the former Klybeck factory canteen, one of the icons of industrial history on the Klybeck site. It is to be transformed into a green, socially diverse, and climate-friendly district over the next few decades. "We are proud that the tradition and social character of the historic canteen will be continued," says Rhystadt CEO Christian Mutschler.

As a catering service provider in the Basel region, Ryago AG has a broad portfolio, ranging from event organization to catering services in private clinics, retirement homes, canteens, and day-care centers. It is part of the Basel-based Wyniger Group, which operates the Teufelhof restaurant and hotel in downtown Basel, as well as other well-known establishments.

The Klybeck location is to be used as a chain restaurant. The restaurant area will become a publicly accessible platform. Lukas Zeitman, Managing Director of Ryago AG, says: "Thanks to the infrastructure in WKL-610, we can significantly extend our chain catering capacities across a total of three production sites. At the same time, we want to create an attractive public offer in the front part - be it for events, trade fairs, meetings or weddings."

Ideally located in the heart of the new district

Ryago AG currently employs around 110 people in the region, approximately half of whom will work at the new location in Klybeck, according to Managing Director Lukas Zeitman. "The location in the Klybeck area is ideal for a catering provider, as there is a direct connection to the motorway and to foreign countries close to the border via the Nordtangente, and we also benefit from very direct delivery routes into the city." At the same time, WKL-610 is part of the new Klybeckplatz, which forms the center of the new district in the urban development model for the transformation.

The arrival of Ryago AG represents an additional rise in the number of jobs on the Rhystadt site. The total number of people working on the former industrial site is now around 2,700. "We are proud to welcome Ryago AG as a tenant in the historic WKL-610 building," says Rhystadt CEO Christian Mutschler. "The fact that the public is once again being granted greater access to the building reinforces our vision of a diverse and dynamic site development."

For more information on the history of the WKL-610 building and a photo series with impressions, please see the Rhystadt blog article entitled "[Eine Verpflegungsmaschine, zugleich ein architektonisches Juwel](#)" [A catering machine and an architectural gem at the same time].

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