

Press Release

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Bärbel Schomberg Appointed to ECE Sustainability Advisory Board

In January 2011, Bärbel Schomberg was appointed to the Sustainability Advisory Board of ECE, a real estate project developer based in Hamburg. ECE is Germany's first real estate company to set up an advisory committee staffed with external and independent sustainability experts.

As an important achievement, the company developed a manual for sustainable shopping centres together with the University of Applied Sciences in Karlsruhe. Even now, projects are being developed in accordance with the criteria defined therein. Ten ECE shopping centres have already been certified by the DGNB German Society for Sustainable Construction so far, eight thereof with the Gold and two with the Silver certificate.

Prior to setting up her consultancy firm Schomberg & Co., Bärbel Schomberg served in senior positions in the real estate and financial industry for nearly 30 years. As member of the Real Estate Committee of the interest group BVI Federal Investment and Asset Management Association, and in her roles as managing director of the real estate fund companies of Commerzbank and Dresdner Bank, respectively, she was among the first real estate managers who put the sustainability issue on the agenda both in a technical and in an operative sense.

"Sustainable construction is becoming standard, and rather than being an environmental tenet, it is increasingly becoming an economic necessity. For in the long-term, only certified properties will stand their ground on the market," as Schomberg believes. "Any corporate investment in this subject area therefore helps to secure its future competitiveness."

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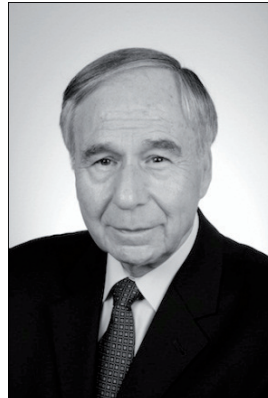
Schomberg & Co. is an independent real estate consulting company with international orientation. The company's advisory foci include the business areas of investment strategy, investment fund management, and asset management. Consultancy services concentrate on the client company's senior level, most notably on the development of tailored solutions to complex requirements.

Company founders include Bärbel Schomberg and Dr. Karl Ohl who have a demonstrable track record of more than 30 years of experiences on the executive level of the real estate and financial industry. Both shareholders used to hold senior positions in major corporations or their subsidiaries, including with Allianz, Commerzbank, Dresdner Bank, WestLB, and IVG, among others. Bärbel Schomberg continues to be active in diverse committees of the real estate industry. For years, she has headed the Corporate Governance Initiative of the German Real Estate Industry (ICG), and is Deputy President of the German Property Federation (ZIA). Moreover, Schomberg and Dr. Ohl served as board members of the Federal German Association for Investment and Asset Management (BVI).

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