

## Media release

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## GF is investing over CHF 20 million in Schaffhausen

The headquarters of GF Piping Systems in Schaffhausen will be completely refurbished in the next few months. Not only will the building be fully renovated, but an annex with modern training and exhibition rooms will also be built. This is one of the largest investments made at the Schaffhausen site in GF's recent history.

The complete refurbishment of the GF Piping Systems' headquarters in Schaffhausen will begin in May 2018. Over an area of 3'000 square meters, the project will give rise to innovative offices with team, co-working and project rooms, a spacious laboratory and a new training center with attractive training and exhibition rooms. The envelope of the six-story building is being fully upgraded as well. Energy efficiency measures and a new photovoltaic system will bring the building up to the Minergie standard in the future.

The complete refurbishment will take place during ongoing operations. Over the coming months, more than 300 employees will continue to work in GF's surrounding buildings or temporarily relocate within the existing buildings. The production and the logistics center will not be affected by the construction work. The modernization will take around 18 months. Yves Serra, CEO of GF commented: "We are investing in facilities designed to encourage innovation and where employees can collaborate on projects. This will help increase the attractiveness of our sites."

GF Piping Systems' building at Ebnatstrasse 111 was originally erected as a two-story structure in 1963. More floors were gradually added over the years and a training center was built in 2004. Today, around 7'000 people visit the center every year and more than 1'800 guests from 55 countries take part in training courses. In 2017, part of the GF headquarters in Schaffhausen was already modernized and equipped with innovative new workplaces.

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## Company profile

GF comprises three divisions: GF Piping Systems, GF Casting Solutions, and GF Machining Solutions. Founded in 1802, the Corporation is headquartered in Switzerland and is present in 34 countries with 136 companies, 57 of them production facilities. Its 15'835 employ ees generated sales of CHF 4'150 million in 2017. GF is the preferred partner of its customers for the safe transport of liquids and gases, lightweight casting components, and high-precision manufacturing technologies. You will find further information at www.georgf ischer.com.

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