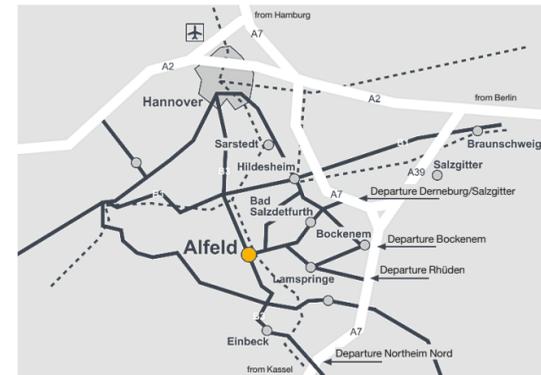


Fagus-GreCon Greten GmbH & Co. KG is an owner-managed family company located in Alfeld/Hanover, Germany. The business unit GreCon is market leader in the manufacture and development of fire protection and measuring technology systems. Thanks to the combination of design, lasts and moulds which is unique worldwide, the business unit Fagus is one of the leading suppliers to the footwear industry. Presently, the company group has approx. 600 employees worldwide.



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The UNESCO award criteria

The UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) is an organisation of the United Nations which, since its establishment in 1945, has been responsible for the fields of education, science and culture.

Since 1978, the UNESCO has kept a World Heritage List within the framework of the World Heritage Convention, on which outstanding cultural and natural possessions are listed which are of such extraordinary significance that their destruction would mean a loss for the whole of mankind.

The outstanding universal value of the FAGUS FACTORY has its foundation in the modern architecture of Walter Gropius which distinguishes the factory on an international level.

The type of construction exemplarily reflects the innovation of the curtain wall which uses both brightness and luminosity and specifically takes into consideration and unites the interests of the working world in relation to productivity and the humanisation of working conditions.

Architecture and design, as significant factors for the quality of life of the human being, are formulated for the first time at the FAGUS-WERK and eternally shown in following generations.

...discover and experience the living monument!

Go on a discovery tour through the FAGUS-WERK and experience living industrial and architectural history. We look forward to your visit.



Many visitors come by rail



...or by bus to the FAGUS-WERK



...by bicycle



...and are cordially welcomed



Many guests meet on the factory premises in summer



Business meetings and celebrations at UNESCO's Terrace



Celebrations in the Fagus-Gropius Café

The town of Alfeld (Leine)

Visit also Alfeld's town centre. On the course of the river Leine, Alfeld is an ideal starting point for walking and cycling tours in Leinebergland, the mountainous landscape of the Leine. In the old town, you will find historic buildings from 750 years of town history.

The expansive pedestrian zone, with the opened up course of the Warne and the historic market place, is an attractive magnet for young and old and an invitation for you to stroll and rest.



Historic market place with townhall



Opened up course of the Warne



The living Monument

...a special experience at any time of the year!

The FAGUS-WERK is a masterpiece of human creativity.
Experience the original building of the Modern Age throughout the four seasons.



The "blossoming" factory in spring



The beech, *Fagus sylvatica*, in splendid autumn colours



Summer invites you to stay a while



The winter landscape characterises the Gropius-building

UNESCO World Heritage FAGUS-WERK

The FAGUS-WERK, situated in the town of Alfeld, was erected in 1911 by the architect and founder of the Bauhaus, Walter Gropius, and is regarded worldwide as the original building of the Modern Age.

At this time, the progressive and innovative company founder, Carl Benscheidt, engaged the young architect, Walter Gropius, to build a shoe last factory.

The architect was successful in giving a medium-sized company a completely unusual appearance deviating from the traditional. The FAGUS-WERK represents an idea of architecture which, at that time, took into consideration the needs for light, air and clarity and used glass and steel in the sense of the new construction.

As Carl Benscheidt already explained with the words

„Our wealth is not our machines nor a bank account but the knowledge, skills and the commitment of our staff“,

the FAGUS-WERK distinguishes itself, alongside its precious architecture, by its active production operations.

Fagus shoe lasts (www.fagus.com) have now been produced for over 100 years in this significant industrial building and, today, also the GreCon measuring and fire protection systems (www.grecon.com) and the Weinig Grecon finger jointing lines (www.weinig.com). The companies are managed today in the 5th generation.

Unique as a living monument, the FAGUS-WERK was declared in 2011 as UNESCO World Heritage Site, a special cultural highlight in southern Lower Saxony.

...living monument between architecture and production!

The daily production is regularly enriched by cultural events.
Enjoy a cultural break in the special ambient of the World Heritage Factory.



Modeller during shoe last production



Culture in the factory



Shoe presentations in the Fagus-Gropius Exhibition



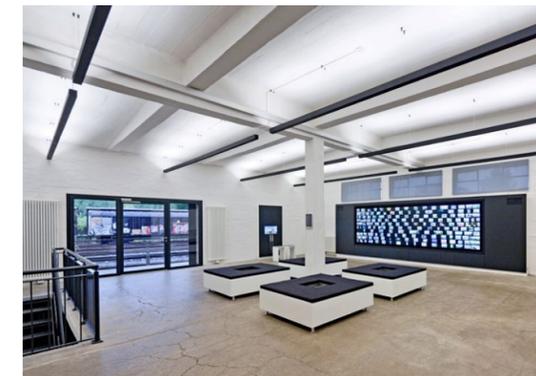
Shoe last production

Visitor attractions in the FAGUS-WERK

Go on a discovery tour through the living monument and make a choice from our attractions.

UNESCO World Heritage Visitor Centre

In which construction phases did the FAGUS-WERK emerge? To which challenges was the FAGUS-WERK exposed in its development and which change has it implemented? Which function did the historic Chips House have yesterday and which function has it today? Which particular characteristics make the work into a World Heritage Site? The new Visitor Centre FAGUS-WERK in the historical Chips House will give you answers to these questions. Visitors can also gain information on innovative media stations about the history and present of the UNESCO World Heritage Site FAGUS-WERK. 3D visualisation presents the different construction phases. Informative films show today's activities in the areas production and culture. A large-sized media wall invites you to discover national and international UNESCO World Heritage Sites which can be assigned to the various site countries on an active station. A digital research station offers further information on different topic areas linked with the factory.



The UNESCO Visitor Centre

Video Guide

Discover the factory premises of the Living Monument with our video guide.

Fagus Gropius Exhibition

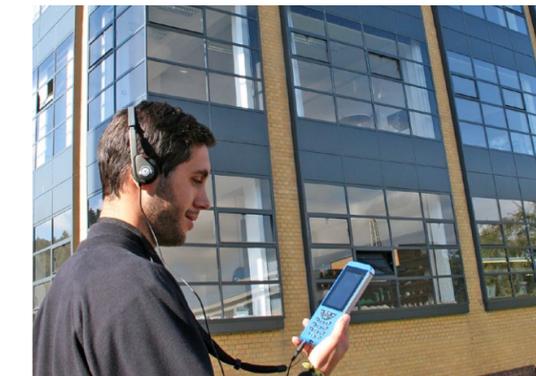
Exciting and interesting information, all to do with the living monument about the company history, the architecture of the building, about the shoe fashion trends of a whole century and a lot more await you in our comprehensive permanent exhibition in the former warehouse in the middle of the production hall.

Fagus Gallery

We present you varied special, art and photo exhibitions on different topics in the Fagus gallery.

Guided tours

Retrace the steps of Walter Gropius and Carl Benscheidt in a guided tour through the FAGUS-WERK and cast a glance, against the background of the living monument, at the production. Experience 100 years of living history.



Visitor using the Video Guide

Events

Regular events such as concerts, readings and lectures in the living monument offer you pure cultural enjoyment in the special ambient of the Gropius Factory.

Fagus-Gropius Café

The Fagus-Gropius Café and the UNESCO terrace invites you to linger and enjoy the atmosphere of the former machine room.

Conferences and celebrations

For private celebrations, company jubilees, conferences and seminars, you can choose between the attractive premises within the unique atmosphere of the Gropius architecture.

Opening Hours

The Fagus Gropius Exhibition, Fagus Gallery and the brand new UNESCO Visitor Centre is open daily from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for you.



School class at media station