

## Zalando anchors Humboldt Berlin

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Germany - Tippin Corporation announced that Zalando GmbH has signed a long term lease at Humboldt Berlin, a former transformer station located on Kopenhagener Strasse in Prenzlauer Berg.

Humboldt Berlin is a landmark industrial complex comprised of five buildings interconnected by bridges and passages, located in Prenzlauer Berg. The property was purchased by Tippin Corporation in 2007 and is presently being restored. Humboldt Berlin functioned as a transformer station until the early 1990's. Some 17,000 m<sup>2</sup> in area, the structures are listed monuments and regarded as an important example of early 20th century German industrial architecture. The voluminous rooms, chambers and halls have been converted to contemporary work and exhibition space.

Hans Heinrich Müller (1879-1951) designed fourteen electric transformer stations in Berlin. In 1926 he created Humboldt, inspired by the Gothic brick style of northern Germany and the antique buildings of Persia. Brick, the symbol of workmanship, represents symmetry and balance as eloquently displayed by Humboldt.