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## DMC<sup>2</sup> BÜROGEBÄUDE – HANAU

### BUSINESS BUILDINGS OFFICE BUILDING

<b>CLIENT</b>	City of Essen
<b>MEASURES</b>	Conversion of an Industrial Building
<b>TIMEFRAME</b>	1999–2001
<b>SERVICE PHASE</b>	LPH (HOAI) 1–9
<b>SIZE</b>	GFA 5,600 m <sup>2</sup>
<b>AWARDS</b>	Martin Elsaesser Award 2003 Exemplary construction projects in Hesse, 2005

The old stove-manufacturing hall, built in 1910, on the factory site of the Degussa-Hüls AG in Hanau-Wolfgang, could have been torn down and replaced by a newly constructed office block to house dmc<sup>2</sup>. But the old hall presented an economical option and could be retained almost unchanged, apart from a few prominent „penetrations.“ A seven-metre-high table on slender steel supports was placed inside to accommodate new office space. This „placing inside“ concept preserves the industrial character of the old stove-manufacturing hall while at the same time emphasising the company’s future-oriented outlook through the juxtaposition of contrasting architectural styles. dmc<sup>2</sup>’s desired conversion of the stove-manufacturing hall symbolises continuity and historical rootedness in the transition from industrial to service society.