

## **The Krupp Stammhaus**

The Krupp Stammhaus or ancestral home was built in 1818/19 as a cottage for the foreman of the still small Fried. Krupp cast steel factory established in 1811.

The first and at the time only factory building, the melting shop, was located directly behind it. Company founder Friedrich Krupp moved into the Stammhaus with his family in November 1824 after hitting financial difficulties. For the next thirty years it continued to serve as a home and the firm's headquarters, and afterwards it was used for office purposes. Alfred Krupp had the Stammhaus fully renovated in 1873 and ordered that it should be retained permanently as a symbol of the firm's small beginnings. However in October 1944 the Stammhaus was completely destroyed by air raids. In 1960/61 on the occasion of the firm's 150th anniversary it was rebuilt as closely to the original as possible, around 30 meters from its original location.

Today the rebuilt Stammhaus is the last architectural reminder of the origins of the Krupp firm and is owned by the Alfred Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach Foundation.

As part of the construction of the new ThyssenKrupp Quarter, the Stammhaus in its small park-like setting has been linked with the campus.

The previously fenced-off area opens up to the campus and in the future will be accessible to all.

The new gently sculpted terrain echoes the design principles of the campus – movement and transparency. The materials used here can also be found throughout the Quarter.

The existing valuable trees and shrubs have been largely retained and new ones planted.

This provides a natural link between the Group's historic roots and the new headquarters and surroundings.