

The “Room of Tranquility”

Promoting dialogue is one of the key ideas behind the new ThyssenKrupp Quarter. The call for dialogue applies not just to functional communication in the direct working environment but also to the margins between work and private life – situations that we encounter daily but for which neither conventional work environments nor modern office worlds offer space. As a company that operates internationally, ThyssenKrupp offers an opportunity for intercultural, cross-confessional exchange between people and their different identities in the “Room of Tranquility”. It is a place of meditation, collection and retreat. The “Room of Tranquility” invites all employees and guests of the ThyssenKrupp Quarter to linger awhile.

High architectural standards

Measuring 135 m², the “Room of Tranquility” is one room among many within the ThyssenKrupp Quarter, and yet it there is something special about it. However this is only revealed to the visitor inside a sequence of rooms consisting of an elongated 7.0 meter high and 1.60 meter wide anteroom and the adjoining main room. Here, a large square cube seems to float in the air.

In addition to the design tools of the architectural space, the use of materials is of special significance. All the walls and the floor consist of a single material – a slightly marbled smooth mineral plaster applied to the reinforced concrete and gypsum walls and ceilings. The plaster for the floor, ceilings and walls is white in color.

The tension derives from the contrast between the smoothly finished walls and the wall cladding inside the floating cube. These areas, which can only be seen when you step below the cube, are covered in 30 to 40 centimeter large titanium spindles. The impression of high quality conveyed by the material is enhanced further by a luminous ceiling fitted with LED lamps.

Flexible use expressly desired

Visitors are invited to use the “Room of Tranquility” at their own discretion. Positioning in the room will depend on the individual’s mood. That is why there is no fixed seating, only the floor area and freely movable stools. In all, the “Room of Tranquility” offers space for around 20 people.