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Berlin’s Mobile Future with an Impressive History.
This new flexibility on rail is based on a unique transport concept, designed in the shape of a mushroom. As from 2006, the new central station will form the core of the long-distance and regional rail routes and will re-establish Berlin as a leading rail metropolis on the European continent.

The project involves reviving the 130-year history of former Lehrter Bahnhof. Built between 1869 and 1871, the station was always the scene of revolutionary and innovative transport engineering, such as the first tests for engineer Franz Krückenberg’s “Rail Zeppelin” in 1930, or again at the launch of high-speed rail traffic in 1933, when the “Flying Hamburger” diesel-powered railcar was inaugurated.

In 1952, the station was closed down owing to the bomb damage caused during World War II and in 1959, it was decided to demolish the once magnificent building. Now, that same spot has been chosen as the site for a new architectural masterpiece:

**Humboldthafen**

**Lehrter city district**

**Federal Chancellery**

**Reichstag government building**

**House of World Cultures**

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Exemplary in terms of Function and Utility.

Travellers, commuters, passengers boarding, leaving and changing trains will find a functionally designed microcosm of efficient infrastructure, exciting shopping amenities and attractive meeting-place. The eight tracks and four platforms for the north-south routes are located 15 metres under ground, at Level –2, immediately adjacent to the underground station for the U5 line.

The next storey up, Level –1, welcomes travellers with numerous stores, catering outlets and service facilities, and also serves as the connecting level to the multi-storey car park, which can hold approx. 900 cars.

Levels 0 and 1 offer visitors a further comprehensive selection of stores and boutiques, catering outlets and other services, guaranteeing a pleasant stay and convenient shopping.

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Visitors to this filigree metal and glass construction are welcomed by open spaces and a light, airy atmosphere. An ingenious system of large openings in the ceilings of all storeys allows daylight to reach all the way down to the lower platforms. Transparency and the spacious, clearly structured layout make it easy for visitors to find their way around the new central station.

Magnificent Architecture for a Remarkable City.

Berlin Hauptbahnhof – Lehrter Bahnhof is a true highlight in terms of both architecture and logistics. The striking transport hub is a new railway station, where the routes of the north-south routes, which run 15 metres under ground, cross the tracks of the east-west routes, which are 10 metres above road level. The unique architecture of the new station building satisfies all the demands of modern mobile societies.

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Three Levels – one Unique Station.

Convincing on all levels.
The wide selection of cafés and restaurants ensures you can enjoy a pleasant stay at the new central station. Modern rented premises, with floor areas between 20 and 500 m², invite passengers and visitors to relax and stay for a while. The open, light and airy atmosphere is the ideal environment for sophisticated, trendy and modern catering outlets.

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Enjoy a Stylish Stopover.

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Spread over three storeys, the new station offers a highly diverse range of first-class shopping amenities. An excellent merchandise mix on a total shop floor area of around 15,000 m² is guaranteed to satisfy the needs and requirements of tourists as well as private and business travellers.

Shop at your Leisure – not only during the Rush Hour.

Shopping at the new station is an enjoyable experience thanks to the wide selection of shops geared to the daily requirements of commuters, nearby residents, and travellers arriving in the city or changing trains. Striking architecture and a bustling atmosphere set the keynote for a unique shopping centre with an urban experience dimension – which is largely independent of the general economic climate and Germany’s strict shop opening hours, thus ensuring brisk business and a secure future.
These days, people are becoming more and more aware of railway stations as a result of constantly increasing mobility in their working and private lives. The station has evolved into an important part of their daily routine which satisfies highly diverse customer requirements.

Berlin Hauptbahnhof therefore offers rental premises for a variety of service enterprises—whether car rental, hair stylist, post office, or travel agency. The direct integration of these businesses in the shopping and catering areas guarantees a high level of attention and constant demand.

Berlin Hauptbahnhof – entirely at Your Service.
DB naturally also offers a range of services such as assistance for passengers changing trains, left-luggage lockers, passenger information, sales outlets and Service Point to facilitate mobility in every direction. Our Triple-S programme guarantees Service, Security and Station Cleanliness right round the clock. This is the basis for a pleasant ambience with feel-good atmosphere.

Deutsche Bahn offers more than “just” rail travel: Each and every day, 150 DB employees at Berlin Hauptbahnhof – Lehrter Bahnhof ensure that all our customers can reach their destinations smoothly. Numerous services await them, such as the silver and red Call Bikes for individual sightseeing tours, or the DB Lounge for 1st-class passengers with the elegant seating groups, croissants to eat, places and equipment for wireless Internet surfing and in-room answerphone. Or if you would prefer a car with chauffeur service, we can arrange it.

All the Best for a Pleasant Stay
The almost 4 million people who live in the Greater Berlin Area, plus some 13 million tourists who visit Berlin every year, are sure to appreciate the benefits of the new Berlin Hauptbahnhof – Lehrter Bahnhof. Every day, an estimated 300,000 travellers and visitors will fill the station with life, as trains set off in all directions every 90 seconds. The full range of logistics and infrastructure will offer maximum comfort for travellers.

**Berlin Hauptbahnhof – Lehrter Bahnhof: Facts and Figures**

Our tenants can reap the benefits of our experience in managing some 5,400 stations throughout the country in addition to excellent rental premises, we also offer all additional services as a one-stop shop. Our comprehensive support and active presence ensure focused synergies and special advantages for all tenants.

Competent advice on the merchandise mix and marketing, joint sales promotion campaigns as...
well as advertising and PR activities can actively influence turnover and boost sales. Our staff at the Service Point and our mobile Service Teams all see themselves as service providers for passengers, tourists and visitors to the station. Our decades of experience ensure a high degree of satisfaction on the part of station customers and tenants. Service, security and cleanliness go without saying and add up to a sparkling station appearance.

An infrastructure milestone: Europe's largest crossing station.

300,000 estimated users daily
approx. 70,000 m² total floor area
approx. 15,000 m² total commercial area
200-500 m² retail units
approx. 900 parking spaces
approx. 500 trains daily on the north-south lines
approx. 260 trains daily on the east-west routes
approx. 800 S-Bahn trains daily
500,000 m³ concrete
85,000 t steel
54 escalators
43 lifts
6 panorama lifts
2,700 m² solar roof area with 1,250 solar modules

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