

## Facts and figures

### *Building 97 – Roche Basel’s new research and development building*



<b>Location</b>	Northern part of the Roche Basel site. The new building will replace the older Building 60.
<b>Building</b>	The shell of Building 97 will be of graduated height. The northern part facing Wettsteinallee will be about 20 metres high and have five above-ground stories (including the ground floor). The southern part facing the Roche site will have nine stories and measure 40 metres. The building will have three basement stories.
<b>Architecture</b>	<p>Building 97 is the first element in the renewal of the site along Wettsteinallee. The architectural language expressed in the new building designed by Herzog &amp; de Meuron is related to the existing buildings on Wettsteinallee: clear, compact, well-structured core and shell, ribbon windows and white parapets.</p> <p>The facade will fit harmoniously into its urban setting and thus echo the industrial architectural style developed for Roche by O. Salvisberg and R. Rohn. Out of consideration for the building's immediate neighbours, it was decided not to incorporate a glass facade like those used in the buildings most recently constructed by Roche (research building in 2000 and the biotechnology centre in 2007) was not adopted .</p>

<b>Purpose</b>	The new research and development building on Wettsteinallee will become a centre for researching and developing methods of formulating active ingredients into tablets, capsules and injectables. A centre of excellence for highly innovative formulating processes and technologies will thus be created at the Basel site which will be enormously important to Roche worldwide. Samples for clinical trials will also be manufactured in Building 97.
<b>Construction work</b>	Construction work began in August 2008 with the demolition of Building 60 and will be completed in 2010. Constructing the shell of the building will last throughout 2009. It will take around four weeks to complete each storey. The building on Wettsteinallee should be ready for occupation in the third quarter of 2011.
<b>Workplaces</b>	Building 97 will house approx. 100 research and development scientists who are currently working in a number of different buildings.
<b>Investment volume</b>	Approx. CHF 250 million; the new research and development building reflects Roche's commitment to the Basel site.