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1. Speicherstadt is characterised by its Wilhelminian façade and a branched network of canals.

2. Companies from the textile and furniture industries now present their wholesale merchandise where coffee beans were once stored.

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HHLA:

“VERSO CLIQ gives us security and flexibility, which were our specific requirements.”



## Characteristics

Object:  
Speicherstadt, Hamburg  
Company:  
Hamburger Hafen und Logistik AG (HHLA)  
Branch:  
Logistics, commercial, museums  
Usable area: approx. 300,000 square metres  
Number of locking cylinders: around 700  
Number of keys: around 1,500  
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## Challenge

Speicherstadt is the world's largest warehouse complex built on wooden piles and was established in 1883 as a section of the Port of Hamburg. With the construction of HafenCity, Speicherstadt also awoke from its deep hibernation and was developed by HHLA Immobilien into a vital inner-city district on the water. The building, which has been listed as a cultural heritage building since 1991, accommodates areas for industries like textile trade, information technology, media and advertising. At the same time, high-ranking cultural institutions have also relocated to Speicherstadt - seven museums

(such as Speicherstadtmuseum-, the German Duty Museum- and Gewürzmuseum [the spice museum]) attract more than 1.5 million visitors to Speicherstadt each year.

The security specifications of HHLA were clearly formulated: Speicherstadt building entrances had to be equipped with electronic components to allow for centralised control. The locking system had to be flexible enough to control all access authorisations and locking hierarchies according to individual responsibilities – i.e. customized down to the individual person.

## Solution

Hamburger Hafen und Logistik AG opted to equip Speicherstadt with an IKON mechatronic locking system. VERSO CLIQ was ultimately chosen because the locking system is easy to operate and program. Access authorisations can be flexibly assigned. If a key gets lost, the locking authorisation is simply deleted from the locking system. At the same time, access authorisations can also be enabled on a time-limited basis for external service providers such as tradesmen and cleaners.

In addition, thanks to the CLIQ technology, it is not necessary to start up each locking cylinder individually to replace the batteries when performing system maintenance. The power supply and communication with the cylinder are conducted via keys and programming keys only.

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