

HIMACS gives this Cologne Design Office a refined and contemporary finish with a natural look



When designing the interior of a design studio, it's important to consider both aesthetic impact as well as practicality and hygiene. With this in mind, HIMACS was selected for the cabinet fronts and countertops of this German-based office, design hub and workshop. The Sapphire and Maui elements give the space a contemporary look and feel with a refined palette that brings a sense of the outside, in.

Founded in 2015 by Christoph Gerdesmeyer and Jonas Krohn, the [Gerdesmeyer Krohn Office for Design](#) in Cologne specialises in product and interior design, creating individual design solutions for both national and international clients. Situated in the premises of an old locksmith's shop, their new office offers plenty of space for the team of 10, with high ceilings and plenty of natural light. As they are experts in design, Gerdesmeyer Krohn were able to create the new interior themselves, renovating and adapting their new surroundings to the needs of their innovative design studio. The result comprises a front room that now serves as a showroom and meeting space, a central hub for the planning team and a workshop at the rear.

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The aim of the company's own brief was to represent the entire creative process of the studio in one property, from conception and planning to construction and implementation. The style is one of minimalism meets industrial charm and for product designer Alexander von Dombois, the colour choice of the HIMACS elements was carefully considered. "The Maui green countertop underlines the decorative colour of the fronts and reflects the lively green of the plants," he explains, "creating the perfect contrast to the quartz cooking island. At the same time, the HIMACS material is extremely easy to clean and durable, so that it not only convinces aesthetically but also fulfils functional aspects. The translucent nature of the Sapphire blue meanwhile allows plenty of light to gently shine through, creating lighting effects. The Solid Surface look gives the element a unique structure and depth in contrast to the beige wall."

HIMACS in [Maui](#) is perfectly suited to kitchen and bathroom applications and when used in a large scale, as shown in the Design Studio's kitchen area countertop, it creates a dramatic look with plenty of practical appeal thanks to its luxurious natural stone effect which is hygienic, hardwearing, waterproof and easy to clean. Part of the Volcanics range, it also contains recycled content, making it a sustainable choice too.

The [Sapphire](#) Lucent HIMACS used for cabinet fronts and countertop is a translucent pastel blue. Durable and non-porous, it's also easy to clean, hygienic as bacteria and dirt have nowhere to hide and is easily repairable as any heavy stains and scratches can be erased by simply rubbing with household cleaner.

The team at Gerdesmeyer Krohn Office for Design did all the realisation in-house within its own workshop, showcasing the one-stop-shop approach from this forward-thinking team, which now has one building to house its entire process, giving visitors and potential clients an all-encompassing insight into its interior and kitchen projects, from conception through to completion.

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HIMACS in Maui from the Volcanics collection was selected for the kitchen countertop

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HIMACS in Sapphire for the fronts and countertop in the design department

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With its innate flexibility and special characteristics, HIMACS is the perfect choice for business premises, offices and headquarters. HIMACS is hardwearing, durable and fire resistant as well as exceptionally hygienic and resistant to wear and tear, scratches, stains and UV light. Its non-porous surface makes it extremely quick and easy to clean while its thermoformable properties also allow it to be moulded into any shape and size. The absence of visible seams also ensures a seamless finish that prevents dirt, bacteria and viruses building up on the surface. This makes HIMACS a Solid Surface material with unbeatable hygienic and clean air properties, guaranteed by certifications that comply with **LGA, NSF international standard and Greenguard.**

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT DESIGN

Project name: Gerdesmeyer Krohn Office for Design
Location: Cologne, Germany
Designer: Gerdesmeyer Krohn
Fabricator: Gerdesmeyer Krohn
HIMACS Supplier: BECHER GmbH & Co
Material: HIMACS S303 Sapphire and VG21 Maui www.lxhausys.com/en
Photos: Gerdesmeyer Krohn
HIMACS elements: Countertops and fronts

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About HIMACS Solid Surface

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HIMACS is a solid surface material that can be moulded into any shape. It is widely used for architectural and interior applications, such as sculptural and high-performance wall cladding or kitchen, bathroom and furniture surfaces, in commercial, residential and public space projects. It is composed of minerals, acrylic and natural pigments that come together to provide a smooth, non-porous and visually seamless surface which meets the highest standards for quality, aesthetics, fabrication, functionality and hygiene – offering many advantages over conventional materials.

HIMACS provides limitless possibilities for surfacing solutions and inspires creative minds from all over the world. **Zaha Hadid, Jean Nouvel, Rafael Moneo, Karim Rashid, Marcel Wanders** and **David Chipperfield**, among others, have completed fabulous projects using HIMACS.

At the forefront of innovation as always, LX Hausys recently introduced two new products. First, **HIMACS Ultra-Thermoforming**, an innovative formula that pushes the boundaries of solid surface shaping to a whole new level, with 30% more thermoplastic capabilities - the biggest innovation in the history of Solid Surface since its inception in 1967. And now, **HIMACS Intense Ultra** combines the characteristics from two disparate worlds: **Intense Colour Technology** and **Ultra-Thermoforming**.

HIMACS uses a simple heating process to give three-dimensional thermoplastic forming capabilities, allows visually seamless designs, offers a virtually limitless range of colours and – for some shades – exhibits a special translucency when exposed to light. Although HIMACS is almost as robust as stone, it can be worked in a similar way as wood: it can be sawn, routed, drilled or sanded.

HIMACS is made using a next-generation technology, the **thermal cure**. The temperature reached during the manufacturing process sets HIMACS apart from other solid surfaces and creates a denser surface that is even sturdier, more homogeneous and more durable, and with better resistance and superior thermoforming results.

HIMACS does not absorb humidity, is highly resistant to stains and is easy to clean, maintain and repair.

Countless internationally recognized certificates attest to the quality of HIMACS in terms of ecological commitment, hygiene and fire resistance – being the first Solid Surface in the market to receive the official **European Technical Approval (ETA) for façades** – for the Alpine White S728 colour.

HIMACS offers a 15-year warranty for products fabricated by a Quality Club Member.



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