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Living With Our and Others' Religions
Together in Diversity

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Description:

The marvellous DITIB-mosque, opened, in Duisburg-Marxloh on 26 th October, 2008, grew from an old coalmine canteen and truly embraces the diversity of Duisburg by interacting with the nearby Protestant and Catholic churches.
The mosque measures 40x28m, the minaret stands 34m high, stretching 11m higher than the silver dome.
In consideration of nearby residents,. the islamic community has opted not to use a Muezzin who would normally call the faithful to prayer from the minaret.

Situation:

The DITIB-Mosque is situated in the east of the Ruhr Region in Duisburg-Marxloh, a center of strong islamic and Turkish communities.

Size:

The floor area measures 1000m².
Accommodates approx. 1200 people..

Constuction/epoch

The corner stone was layed on the 22nd March 2005 and took approx. two years to complete.




Architect: Volkan Altin-Kaya, Manfred Christ from Architects Ropertz & Partner

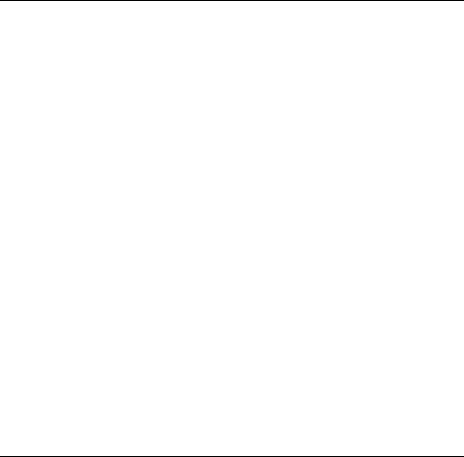
Kunstmaler: Erkan Yabas

Volkan Altin-Kaya is highly esteemed in Turkey as an interior designer. He has designed numerous mosques and luxury hotels.

Currently: The meetings rooms are open for use by many community groups for socialising and networking.

In a mosque

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|  | <p>Prayer room</p> | <p>Before entering the prayer room one must take off their shoes and put them on the shelves in order to keep the floor clean, because while praying the faithful kneel and touch their forehead on the floor. Before each of their 5 daily prayer sessions, they ritualistically wash their face, hands and feet.</p> |



chandelier

This chandelier is gilted with gold and weighs 750 kg.



The Koran

For Muslims the Koran is the true and infallible word of God. The Arabic word means 'the recitation'. It has been translated many times, but many Muslims believe that the Koran needs to be recited in Arabic.



Dome

The dome is both intricate and functional, being integral for the acoustics.



Mural paintings

In contrast to Christianity and many other religions, statues and portraits are not displayed.



Minber

The pulpit, called the Minber, is only used for prayer on Fridays. From the Minber the Imam recites the Koran.



Mihrab

The Mihrab orientates the prayers to the Kaaba in Mecca. From Germany the Mihrab always points south-east.