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Westhive expands offering to California – Coworking pioneer announces partnership with SHACK15 in San Francisco

Zurich, 12. December 2019 — The Swiss coworking provider Westhive and SHACK15 in San Francisco are working together with immediate effect. The aim is to build bridges between the fast-growing start-up ecosystem in Switzerland and the Bay Area around San Francisco, where some of the world's most successful start-ups and investors are active. In addition to a structured connector program, members of both companies can use the partner's location free of charge.

"San Francisco, with its Bay Area and Silicon Valley, is undisputedly the world's most important and largest innovation region," says Andreas Widmer, co-founder of Westhive. "Switzerland, with its Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) and numerous renowned business universities, offers fertile ground for innovation – and has produced several successful companies in recent years. What we lack here, however, is the Bay Area's unique entrepreneurial spirit and access to the business world, and we see huge potential in bringing these worlds together. Our partnership with SHACK15 in San Francisco enables our members to connect," he continues

Free use of the respective spaces – and a connector program

Westhive Members and SHACK15 Members now can use the partner's premises in San Francisco and Zurich for one week at no additional cost. A special highlight is the opportunity to get to know the most exciting start-ups in the Bay Area and Silicon Valley from San Francisco. "To be able to bring our members and corporate clients together with some of the most innovative minds and companies in the world in such a dynamic environment in San Francisco is simply fantastic," says Widmer.

"SHACK15 is specifically designed to be the gateway to San Francisco's dynamic entrepreneurial landscape. We look forward to bringing the Westhive and the SHACK15 communities together to open new doors for everybody involved," says Tobias Johansson, who manages the business at SHACK15.

About Westhive

Westhive AG opened its first coworking location at Hardturmstrasse 161 in April 2018. Together with the Westhive location in the Zurich Hürlimann area, around 400 workstations with a complete service infrastructure are available today. Further locations will be opened in Zurich city centre, in Wollishofen, at the airport (The Circle) and in Basel in 2020, bringing the number of desks to over 1000. Prominent Westhive members include the strategic partner Swiss Startup Group, the Valora Digital Innovation Lab, the AMAG Group's Innovation & Ventures Lab, the LafargeHolcim startup MAQER and over 25 different startups from a wide range of industries.

About SHACK15

SHACK15 is a new kind of social space dedicated to entrepreneurship, community, and big ideas. We create inspired gathering space and bring together passionate founders, innovators, and

changemakers from across the world. SHACK15 is located within San Francisco's historic Ferry Building overlooking panoramic views of the bay, Featuring dedicated workspaces, an array of lounges, social amenities, multiple full-service bars, an in-house restaurant, a coffee bar, a wellness center, and a pioneering event space—SHACK15 is purpose built to be the dynamic gateway to San Francisco's entrepreneurial landscape.

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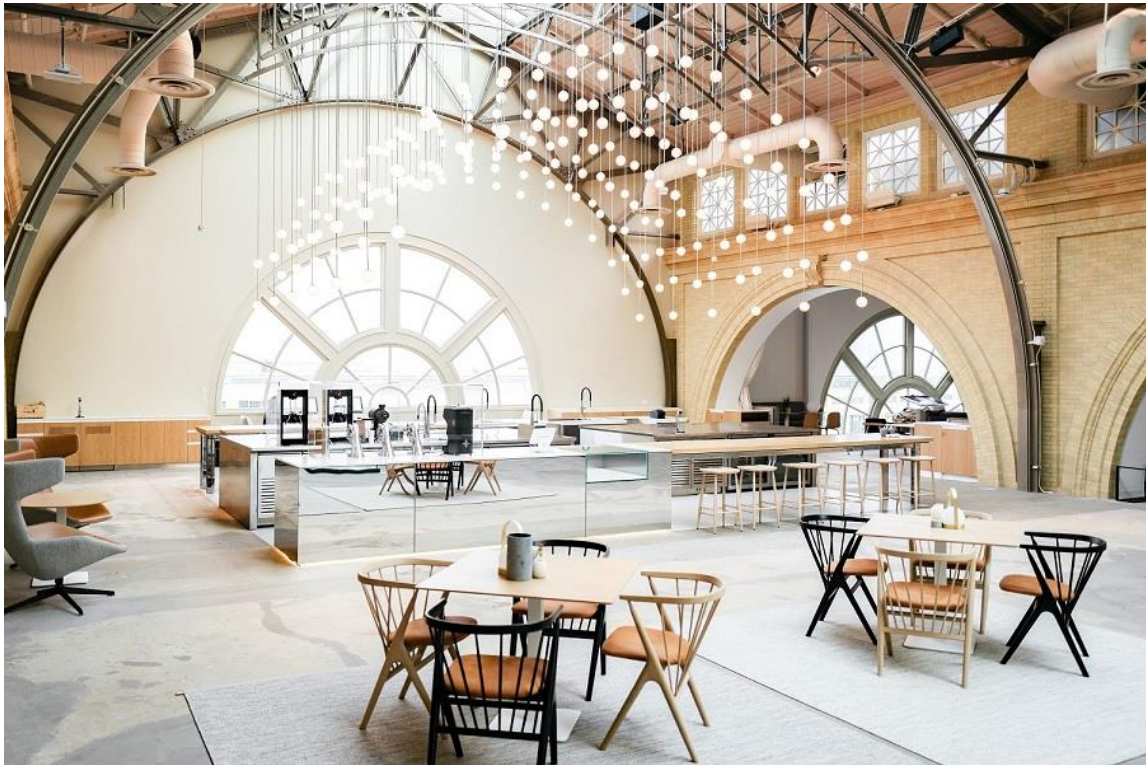
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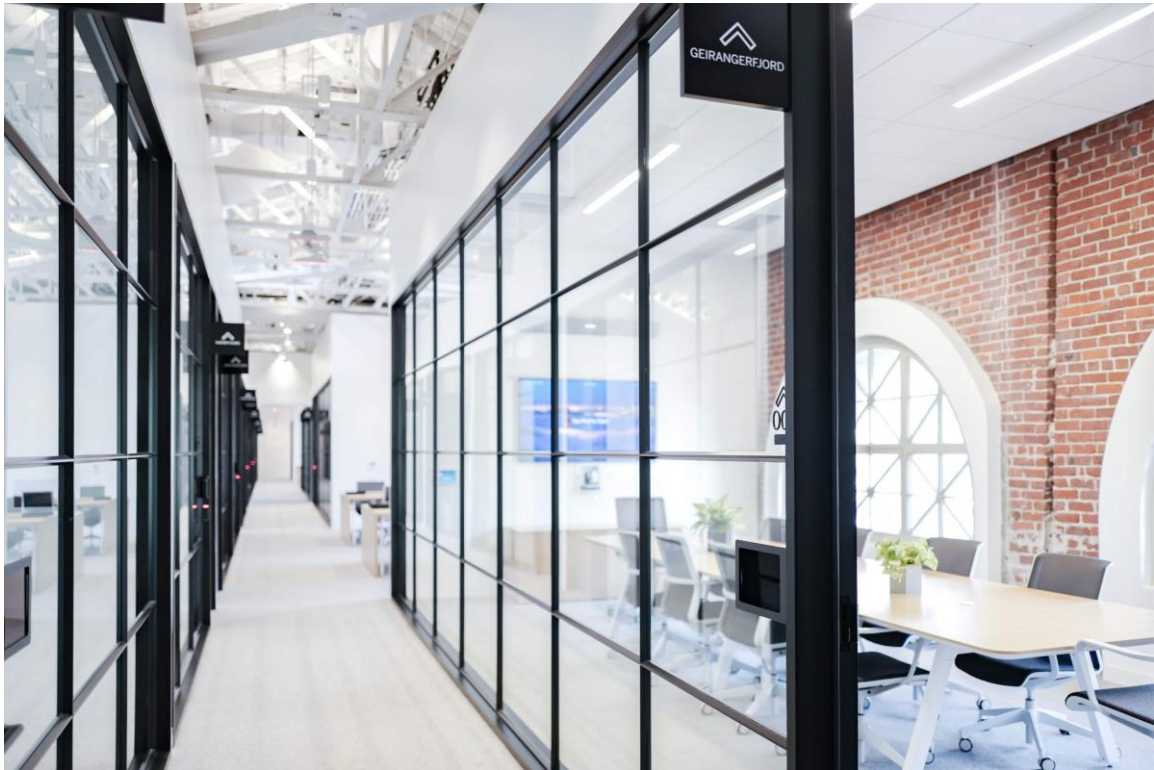
San Francisco Ferry Building



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SHACK15 Meeting Rooms



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