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GACC Midwest signs lease for relocation to 150 N. Michigan Avenue in 2020

The 17,000-square-foot office space overlooks Michigan Avenue and Millennium Park.


GACC Midwest’s new office space, located on the entire 35th floor of 150 N. Michigan, is 17,140 square feet and overlooks Michigan Avenue as well as the famous Millennium Park. This significant expansion aligns with the growth of German business investment in the Midwest. The new office will provide enhanced opportunities for members to connect, while also enabling GACC Midwest’s growing team to support new German businesses investing in the Midwest and the continuous expansion of the Chamber’s apprenticeship programs and Christkindlmarkets in the region. The building was purchased by CBRE Global Investors from John Hancock Real Estate in 2017 for about $132 million and boasts a renovated fitness center, a bicycle storage room, a state-of-the-art conference center and tenant lounge, and more. It has 41 floors, was completed in 1984, and has a LEED Gold® certification of sustainability. The diamond-shaped building is instantly recognizable as an iconic part of Chicago’s skyline.

The office will be used by GACC Midwest employees as well as employees of its subsidiary, German American Events, LLC (GAE, LLC) and Germany Trade & Invest. GACC Midwest joins the Goethe-Institut, the non-profit German cultural institution, as a resident of 150 N. Michigan.

“We are excited about the new opportunities and ammenities that 150 N. Michigan Ave. offers not only to us but also to our members. The iconic building and its location steps from our Christkindlmarket on Daley Plaza will serve to welcome and support further German trade and investment in the Midwest,” says Mark Tomkins, President & CEO of GACC Midwest.

About GACC Midwest

The German American Chamber of Commerce® of the Midwest (GACC Midwest), headquartered in Chicago with a branch office in Detroit, was founded in 1963. GACC Midwest is an integral part of the German Chamber Network (AHKs) with 140 offices in 92 countries around the globe. Our continuing mission is to promote German-American business relations and to support trade and investment between Germany and the United States, especially the Midwest. Our organization combines elements of a trade commission, a membership association, and professional consulting services for market entry, apprenticeships in the US, and more. With this unique concept in international trade promotion, GACC Midwest’s territory covers 14 US states: the 13 states of the Midwest (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin) and Colorado, comprising together approximately one quarter of the nation’s geographical area, its population, and its GDP. Main industries include advanced manufacturing in the US, automotive, medtech, agriculture and food processing.

The German American Chambers of Commerce

The German American Chambers of Commerce main offices are located in Atlanta, Chicago, New York, and San Francisco, alongside their branches in Detroit and Houston. The GACCs cater to 2,500 members and National Partners with a wide variety of services for market entry USA, apprenticeships in the US, and industry events for their German-American business network.

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