

History

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2024



October: Completion of phase 2 of construction of the sustainable neighborhood, with the delivery of the Berges 2 and Berges 3 buildings.

September: MIC Car Sharing launches its new partnership with Swiss E-Car.

May: Inauguration of the shared gardens of Marly, managed by the “Couleur Jardin” programme of the Fribourg Red Cross.

2022



August: Inauguration of the Marly swimming pool, offering a 25-metre pool with six lanes, a diving pool, a pool with a movable floor, a water play area and a whirlpool bath.

Certified Minergie-P, the building was specially designed to meet the needs of the public, schools and regional clubs.

May: Inauguration of the Carolyn station, a 100% electric car-sharing service. An additional mobility offer designed to reduce the number of vehicles on site, as well as MIC's environmental impact.

2025



September: Inauguration and opening of the Hôtel des Innovations, a 4-star establishment comprising 167 rooms, suites (some with spa facilities) and apartments.

Meeting rooms, a restaurant and a fitness area complete this first-class hotel's facilities.

June: Opening of the Marché de l'Ancienne Papeterie, bringing together a retail store (Denner), a crêperie, a butcher's shop, a cheese shop and wine shop, a hair salon and a burger restaurant.

May: Inauguration of the Prairie 1 intergenerational residential complex, including a restaurant, medical and healthcare services, senior housing supported by Pro Senectute, as well as shared accommodation for students.

2023



November: Official «groundbreaking» ceremony for the Hôtel des Innovations.

April: Opening of the nursery “Les Libellules” within the sustainable neighborhood. This early childhood care facility has a capacity of 33 daily places.

March: Launch of MIC's “Sector F” project, comprising a training centre for prison staff, a hotel and administrative buildings.

Februar: Eco-neighborhood: launch of phase 2 of construction.

2021



December: Arrival of TPF regular bus line no. 8 on site, serving the stops Marly, Innovation Center; Marly, Ancienne Papeterie; and Marly, Piscine. After four years of service, the automated shuttles bow out.

February: Following the granting of the building permit in January, the swimming pool project is finally approved by the General Council of the municipality of Marly. The earthworks phase begins immediately afterwards.

2020



September: Public consultation for a project to build an indoor swimming pool between MIC and the Ancienne Papeterie eco-neighborhood.

May: Start of construction of the eco-neighborhood buildings.

2019



December: The eco-neighborhood obtains its building permit. Start of the earthworks phase.

September: Redesign of the marly-innovation-center.org website and launch of construction work on the eco-neighborhood.

June: Approval of the building permit for the residential area.

May: Public consultation for the first eco-neighborhood in the Canton of Fribourg.

2018



September: Opening Day – Le MIC opens its doors to the public!

August: Opening of a Business Center with conference rooms and 8 FlexOffices.

March: Opening of a new restaurant, L'Atelier du MIC.

January: Launch of the sale with possible rental options of 11,500 m² of flexible spaces.

2017



September: Inauguration of the automated shuttles and integration into the TPF network.

April: Creation of Gérine Energies in partnership with the municipality of Marly

March: Construction of 11,500 m² of flexible spaces at the site entrance.

2014



July: Approval of the Masterplan by the municipality of Marly.

Creation of the Cibachrome association, whose aim is to bring together, preserve and showcase the rich heritage left by Tellko, Ciba and Ilford. Open on request, the Maison Cibachrome museum brings together numerous photographic and industrial objects.

January: Takeover of the site by Marly Innovation Center Sàrl and its transformation into an innovation-focused industrial park.

2013



Ilford is successively sold to several international groups and returns to Swiss ownership in June, but Ilford Imaging Sàrl is declared bankrupt in December.

1996



Ciba merges with Sandoz and becomes Novartis. The new pharmaceutical group decides to cease its activities in Marly and transfer its staff to Basel, and sell its photography business.

1989



Ciba sells Ilford to the American company International Paper. The Marly campus remains a production site for “Ilfochrome” products and shifts its focus to R&D for inkjet printing products.

1969



Ciba becomes the sole shareholder of Ilford Ltd and begins manufacturing films in Marly. Until the late 1980s, the Basel-based group develops the site into an R&D campus in the fields of additives, pigments and polymers.

Several major innovations are created there, such as the Ferrari red pigment, resin for 3D printing and Cibavision disposable contact lenses.

1961



After Tellko in 1960, Ciba acquires the company Lumière. Around the same time, Ciba acquires shares in Ilford, initiating a cooperation in the development of colour photographic papers and the creation of positive prints from transparency films. Initially named Cilchrome (“Cil” standing for Ciba, Ilford and Lumière) the product is later renamed Cibachrome. It became world-renowned.

1935



Creation and establishment of Tellko on Rue de l'Industrie in Fribourg. At the time, the company manufactured black-and-white photographic products.

During the 1950s, Tellko marketed its "Telcolor" product (colour negative films in rolls and sheet film).

1960



Ciba's purchase of 500,000 m² of land and the construction of its research and development (R&D) campus in Marly.

Ciba, a global company, needed a new research and development centre and chose Marly. The central location within Switzerland, bilingualism, the quality of life to attract experts from around the world, the warm welcome from the local council, the possibility of developing a large-scale site with all the necessary infrastructure, political stability, the availability of labour, as well as the university and the engineering school, were all decisive factors. Active in the chemical industry, this Basel-based giant plans to expand its operations, particularly in the field of photography.