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The Baltic Sea Comes To Life at Ozeaneum, as Behnisch Architekten Completes the

Oceanographic Museum.

The weather-beaten city of Stralsund on the Baltic Sea is humming with excitement, thanks to the addition of Ozeaneum, the new German Oceanographic Museum designed by Behnisch Architekten. The well-known firm works out of offices in Stuttgart, Germany, as well as both Los Angeles and Boston in the U.S.

This aquarium is built right along the city's harbor promenade surrounded by historic warehouses. It's an open structure flooded from all sides by people and light, similar to the way stones in the sea near the water's edge are flooded by the surrounding water.

"It has always been an intriguing challenge for us to bring modern architecture to historical areas," says Stefan Behnisch, Hon. FAIA, BDA, RIBA, CIMA, partner of Behnisch Architekten. "But we always try to do it in a respectful way that's in context with the fabric of that historical place." Two such examples of this philosophy (and practice) are the Terrence Donnelly Centre for Cellular and Biomolecular Research in Toronto, Canada, and "Haus im Haus" in Hamburg, Germany. Both emphasize environmental sustainability, as well as mixing the new with the old.



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The architects at Behnisch Architekten designed the complex





