

## University of St. Gallen puts its trust in Cleanfix

As one of the leading business universities in Europe, the University of St. Gallen (HSG) offers higher education courses and training at top international level. Over 7,000 young people study here, coming and going on an almost daily basis. Ensuring that cleanliness doesn't suffer as a result is the job of Adrian Rickert and his team. To help them with this massive daily challenge, Henau-based Cleanfix Reinigungssysteme AG is on hand.

At the HSG in St. Gallen, the focus is very much on lifelong learning: alongside courses in economics, law, social sciences and international relations, the university also supports students in their character development. All that mental activity requires an appropriate environment and atmosphere. Uncompromising cleanliness and safety are part of this.

### Domestic services team

It is Adrian Rickert and his team that are responsible for this at the University of St. Gallen. The domestic services team comprises 14 employees who work in two shifts. The biggest challenge during term time, they explain, is getting the rooms that are occupied throughout the day spick and span in a very short timeframe. Because as soon as the doors open for the students the lecture rooms need to remain quiet; no vacuum cleaners and no mopping allowed. So the first domestic services workers start at 6.00 a.m. and the last ones leave the university at 11.00 p.m. In addition to the cleaning, the domestic services team is responsible for many other tasks: supplying multimedia communications tools, preparing examination rooms, opening and closing doors, winter road clearance and much more.

### HSG and Cleanfix collaboration

A number of Cleanfix's cleaning machines are put to the test on a daily basis at the University of St. Gallen. One example is the RA 505 IBCT scrubber dryer, which cleans medium-hard floors efficiently. Daniel Baumann, a member of the domestic services team at the HSG, is particularly happy with the automatic propulsion and ease of use, but also with the speed-related influx that is a feature of the cleaning fleet. It means there are no longer puddles in the corners and the floor subsequently dries easily. This saves time and money.

All the service carts in use carry the FlooBe, the handy small sweeper for in-between areas, which is used for the entrance areas (dirt barriers) among other things. The Robo 40 robotic scrubber dryer cleans the triple sports hall all on its own, without human help. In the evening at around 10.00 p.m., one of the team members programmes the robot in the space of five minutes, and the next morning the sports hall is spotlessly clean and ready for use. In addition, the team also uses wet and dry vacuum cleaners, spray extraction machines and carpet brush vacuum cleaners.

The University of St. Gallen puts its trust in Cleanfix, a company that manufactures in Switzerland. Adrian Rickert particularly appreciates the personal advice and assistance he gets from Daniel Weingartner, the Cleanfix sales representative for the area of St. Gallen and Appenzell. The rapid completion of servicing work is also rated highly. The domestic services team at the University of St. Gallen regularly attends cleaning courses organised by Cleanfix in-house in Henau.



**Daniel Baumann, domestic services team member, with the RA 505 IBCT scrubber dryer from Cleanfix**



**Cleanfix FlooBe, the handy small sweeper**

### **Variety on the ground**

Terrazzo, wooden parquet, artificial stone, linoleum and textile floors must be expertly cleaned and maintained. "This requires well trained staff," explains Adrian Rickert. Over half of his staff are trained professionals. They also undergo internal training and attend cleaning courses at Cleanfix. In short, it is important to have well trained staff to clean and maintain the floors correctly and to use the tools appropriately. Another objective is to minimise risk and avoid accidents.



**The triple sports hall at the University of St. Gallen is kept clean by the Robo 40 robotic scrubber dryer from Cleanfix**



*The Robo 40 robotic scrubber dryer cleans without human assistance*

### **Cleanfix**

For over 35 years Cleanfix Reinigungssysteme AG has been developing and producing a wide range of machines for professional indoor cleaning in Henau, Switzerland. The principle goal is to offer the very best Swiss quality – backed up by advice, service and proximity to customers. Thanks to constant innovation, Cleanfix has been able to expand its position in the market and is now represented by subsidiaries and agencies across the world. Eighty-five percent of production is destined for export, since Cleanfix machines keep buildings spotless in over 85 countries. Switzerland is seen as a reference market. Cleanfix is proud to be the general supplier of cleaning machines to the University of St. Gallen.

### **Key figures for the University of St. Gallen:**

Surface to be cleaned	39,000 m <sup>2</sup> of indoor space
Number of employees	2,223
Number of students	7,126
Restaurants	1 cafeteria, 2 coffee bars
Toilet facilities	19

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