

HIGH-TECH DEPOT

Streff is building a robot-run storage site near the Belgian border.

Most people know Streff as a moving company, overtaking their green logo lorries on Luxembourg motorways. Lesser known is that one main part of Streff's business is the storage and archiving of everything from companies' financial data to priceless family heirlooms.

Earlier this year the firm started building a new high-tech storage facility in Windhof with a total capacity of 70,000 cubic metres. When completed, it will be possible to stack up six shipping containers on top of one another with enough room for around 700 individual containers, with no space for human entry. Utilising a new computer controlled crane, storage containers will be delivered directly to owners in their own private viewing room, to collect or inspect what's within. Streff says it will be the only company in Luxembourg and in Europe with this type of system, which will "complement other specialist storage facilities, such as

the Freeport at Findel" and add to its customers' sense of privacy and trust.

Trust is an important issue when it comes to storing extremely valuable goods, reckons Streff's managing director, Stefan Chorus. When talking about his new warehouse, he argues that it would be "interesting for people to store anything that needs to be protected on a very flexible basis in a very secure environment." He also stresses the importance of a client's needs being achieved in a personal way, ensuring that they are offered the most pleasant experience possible whilst knowing their possessions are in safe hands.

With Luxembourg real estate prices continuing to soar (see page 38), space has become a precious commodity. So Streff expects that this new storage centre will be in high demand. It plans to open the facility in February 2015.

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