

## Science City

Science City is a campus of ETH Zurich, a university in Switzerland. It is one of the most modern campuses in the world, a place which has been moving closer and closer towards achieving sustainability since it opened in 2003. Its energy-generating system is so effective that Science City does not use any fossil fuels, so it gives out much smaller quantities of CO<sup>2</sup> than similar, but less advanced, institutions.

Science City was constructed in such a way that it operates with the greatest possible energy efficiency and the lowest possible use of resources. The Information Science building, for example, has a low proportion of outside walls so heat energy is less likely to be wasted.

And Science City is trying to be even kinder to the environment. The university recognises that the higher the number of overseas trips made by its staff, the greater its 'carbon footprint', so it is investing in the latest communication technology, making it easier to do business with other countries without travelling and contributing to air pollution. And just as important an advantage of investing in communication technology is the need to use less paper. By using recycled paper and encouraging staff not to print documents. Science City is as far along the road to becoming a 'paperless institution' as anywhere in the world.