

## The cooperative at a glance

Our mission statement: Saving, building, housing



Falkenberg Garden City



The “Berliner Bau- und Wohnungsgenossenschaft von 1892” cooperative was founded in the year 1892 as an experimental self-help approach among the working class and the liberal bourgeoisie. The aim was healthy and affordable housing and generally, the vision of emancipation by improving the living conditions, education and economic solidarity.

### Highly diverse housing stock:

Our housing stock consists of famous end of 19th century Reform Architecture to Berlin Modernist Architecture in the nineteen twenties up to new buildings today. Several housing projects for special needs have been established (elderly persons, a women only project, intergenerational schemes).

About 60% of the housing stock is listed. The “Falkenberg Garden City” and the “Schillerpark Estate” have been listed as UNESCO World Heritage since July 2008.

### Services:

- Savings bank since 1995; about € 85 M savings in 2007.
- Saving opportunities within the state supported additional pension scheme named “Riester Rente”.
- Special financial provisions for older people: Purchase of the right to use housing (rent-free housing), additional shares (rent reduction in old age).
- Concierge service free of charge.
- Guest-apartments in Berlin, Hamburg and in Warnemünde on the Baltic Sea.



### CONTACT AND FACTS

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#### Supervisory Board

Chairman: Reinhard W. Arf  
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Members of the Supervisory Board: 9

#### Facts

Members of the cooperative: about 10,650

Housing units: about 6,100 in Berlin and Brandenburg

Balance sheet: € 277,216.2 K

Equity rate: 11.4 %

Rent (average): € 4.79 per m<sup>2</sup> per month