



Securiton – safeguarding the «Joggeli»

St. Jakob-Park in Basel is known far beyond the city limits. The multipurpose stadium is home to FC Basel, the city's successful football team, and houses a shopping mall, apartments for senior citizens and a car park. Securiton AG selected to bring the entire facility – built in 2001 and known familiarly as the «Joggeli» – up-to-date.

Stadium's fire protection system modernised St. Jakob-Park in Basel, designed by world-famous architects Herzog & de Meuron to be the world's first multipurpose stadium, opened in March 2001. At the time containing 33 shops and service providers, north-western Switzerland's largest and least ordinary shopping mall opened on 1 November 2001. Six years later, the mall expanded to accommodate a further 13 outlets and a large restaurant. St. Jakob-Park is known far and wide thanks to the presence of the stadium. The home of FC Basel has long been the focus of Switzerland's football life. It was here that the opening game of the UEFA EURO 08 championships took place, but it has also hosted major pop concerts by international stars such as Bryan Adams and AC/DC, and open-air operas including Aida and Nabucco.

Everything brought up to scratch

To keep activities going smoothly and future-proof the multipurpose facility, a number of tasks were implemented, including extending and modernising the fire detection and alarm system. Because Securiton AG installed the original system, it was logical to commission the fire detection specialist to bring it up-to-date. The decision, naturally enough, was made to install a state-of-the-art system that has proved its worth: SecuriFire. It controls the fleet of fire detecting sensors, consisting of the original SCD 573 smoke criteria detectors supplemented by at least 200 MCD 573X multi-sensor smoke and heat detectors. The number of manual call points was also doubled. Connection to the UMS universal management system means that operating the system is both straightforward and fast.

Additionally, the stadium is currently being fitted with a very particular system, as fire detection in the open air under a high roof is very hard to implement using conventional methods. Instead, the company is rolling out 700 metres of SecuriSens LIST sensor cable by way of elegant solution to a challenging problem: the cable's highly sensitive, individually addressable sensors are capable of responding immediately to incipient fires.

