

Mennica Legacy Tower obtains BREEAM certification with the 'Outstanding' rating

The Mennica Legacy Tower project has received the highest award in the environmental solutions certification process. The joint investment of Golub GetHouse and Mennica Polska S.A. is the first skyscraper in Warsaw, which received the 'Outstanding' rating in the BREEAM 2013 New Construction certification scheme.

The BREEAM certification requirements in New Construction category had to be already fulfilled in the planning phase. During the design stage of complex, Golub GetHouse has fulfilled a number of BRE (British Research Establishment) guidelines, which has allowed them to implement the fully environment-friendly project.

„The Mennica Legacy Tower 'Outstanding' BREEAM rating confirms that Golub GetHouse implements high standards of the office construction and management. Implementing energy-efficient and user-friendly solutions with a relatively low impact on the tenant operating costs has been a priority for us since the design phase of the Mennica Legacy Tower complex.” – comments Czarek Jarzabek, Founder and President of the Board, Golub GetHouse. "We are extremely proud of obtaining certification with the highest rating.” – he added.

One of the main factors that contributed to the high rating of the Mennica Legacy Tower project was the excellent communication of the building: mere 200 meters from the second subway line station 'Rondo ONZ', the vicinity of busses and trams stops, the proximity of main and suburban railway stations, as well as easy access by car from all districts of Warsaw. An alternate means of transport will also be available in the complex and plenty of facilities for cyclists (comfortable parking with 300 bicycle stands, equipped with independent, safe entrance, dedicated elevators, locker rooms, showers and a repair station). On the four-storey underground parking lot, there will be electric vehicle charging stations.

Mennica Legacy Tower was also given credit for aspects that contribute to friendly work environment: acoustic insulation, high daylight penetration coefficient – glass used on the façade of the building will provide adequate sound and heat insulation. Design of façade was completed with openable, safe panels, which provide tenants with fresh air. Building management and monitoring systems (BMS) in Mennica Legacy Tower have also been highly evaluated – solutions aimed at increasing water, electric energy and waste management efficiency.

The use of environment-friendly construction and finishing materials was also taken into account. The materials use low carbon technologies to reduce CO2 emission. Even at the earliest stage of investment implementation, a great deal of emphasis was placed on the proper sorting of waste at the site, which has allowed it to limit the impact on the environment.

Sweco Consulting Sp. z o.o., an independent firm was responsible for the certification process for Mennica Legacy Tower – a company that specializes in building certification in

the BREEAM system – the most popular method for evaluating the quality of buildings used in Europe by investors, developers and tenants.

„The Mennica Legacy Tower project fulfilled more than 88% of the requirements of the BREEAM International New Construction 2013 rating system. The 'Outstanding' score in BREEAM is very rare and represents a high level of ecological awareness for all involved in the design process.” – comments Lucyna Magda, Assessor BREEAM, Sweco Consulting.
„The Investor had an ambitious goal from the early stage of the project implementation to make it unique and to get the highest possible certification score. Through his activities, such as social consultations the investor showed concern for influencing aspect of building inclusion in the urban environment, and thanks to the specialized simulation models, he took care of investment perceive by future users. We are delighted that the BRE certification body has formally confirmed the achievement of these objectives.” – she added.

Mennica Legacy Tower

Mennica Legacy Tower office complex is being erected at the junction of Prosta and Żelazna Streets. Office complex comprising a 140-meter high tower and an adjacent 43-meter building. In total, it will offer 65,630 sq m of lease space. Thanks to the large area of a typical floor - 2,000 sq m gross - and to the outstanding arrangement flexibility of offices, Mennica Legacy Tower will meet the highest standards of ergonomics. Project has been designed by the renowned Chicago-based architectural firm Goettsch Partners, which decided to work with a well-established design consultant Epstein.

The construction of Mennica Legacy Tower continues according to the schedule. The planned date of commissioning for use of the lower, Western building of Mennica Legacy Tower is Q4 2018, while the high tower is to be ready in Q3 2019. The entire investment will be completed in line with the demanding requirements of the BREEAM international certificate with 'Outstanding' rating. Warbud S.A. is the general contractor of the skyscraper.

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