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Berlin Hyp builds new corporate headquarters “B-One” to the highest energy standards

Berlin Hyp is building a new corporate headquarters at the Bank's long-standing location at Budapester Strasse 1 in Berlin-Mitte. An architecturally unique building will shape the neighbourhood here from the end of 2023. A sustainable and efficient space concept for the new building is being implemented together with the Danish architecture firm C.F. Møller Architects. On the way to becoming the most modern real estate financier and as an issuer of Green Bonds, working in an energy-efficient building is an important goal for the Bank. In addition to this, the new headquarters will also bring all employees in Berlin, who up to now have been separated into two different buildings, together into a single building. The project name "B-One" thus equally reflects both the idea of coming together under one roof and the well-known address in Berlin's City-West. Demolition of the old building in Budapester Strasse will commence this year and deconstruction has already begun.

The Bank is seeking to achieve certification for the new corporate headquarters according to the very high standard set by the German Sustainable Building Council (*Deutsche Gesellschaft für Nachhaltiges Bauen* - DGNB). This is part of Berlin Hyp's long-term sustainability strategy. The new headquarters will enable the Bank to reduce its energy consumption by over 50 per cent in comparison to the old building, in addition to significantly lowering operating costs. The architecture of the new building will reduce CO₂ emissions with its special design of outdoor areas and open spaces. To give an example, this reduction will be made possible by installing photovoltaic systems on the entire façade and on part of the roof.

The new corporate headquarters combines modern working environments with new forms of collaboration. Around 500 workstations will be established on around 14,800 square metres of above-ground gross floor space. Thanks to a broad approach which encourages participation, the Bank's employees can get actively involved in the formation of the new building. "Berlin Hyp has its roots in Berlin. A building of great architectural value will be erected on the north-eastern side of Berlin City-West, which will make its new mark on the surrounding area. Attractive workstations and forward-thinking technologies are important goals which are also intended to strengthen the Bank when it comes to the competition for young talent", says Sascha Klaus, Chair of the Board of Management of Berlin Hyp. "I am also convinced that the office represents the cultural core of any business. The office is the heart of social exchange and creative collaboration. This aspect will be reflected in our new building", he adds.

When demolishing the old building, the real estate bank will take care to recycle and dispose of the materials in an environmentally friendly manner. The majority of small office furniture, materials and equipment from the building that are no longer needed have been donated or auctioned off and were therefore put to further use. Until the new building is completed, employees are testing out the concepts of new work in the office building at Corneliusstrasse 7 as well as in the alternative rented office spaces in Tauentzienstrasse in Berlin.

Berlin Hyp will open up the new building to the public and will make selected spaces even more available for public events. These events could take place in the areas on the ground floor, for example, which could be used as gallery space for art exhibitions.

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