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Berlin Hyp receives the DGNB platinum preliminary certificate for the planned construction of the new corporate headquarters

Berlin Hyp has received a preliminary certificate in platinum from the German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB) for the planned construction of the new corporate headquarters at Budapester Strasse 1 in Berlin-Tiergarten. The real estate bank achieved an overall performance rating of 82.9 per cent in the pre-certification process in October 2021. The bank will receive the final certificate after the construction process has been completed.

The real estate Bank's project received very high performance ratings especially in the categories of Process Quality, Location Quality and Sociocultural, Functional and Ecological Quality. The preliminary certificate was presented to Sascha Klaus, Chair of the Board of Management of Berlin Hyp, at EXPO REAL on 12 October.

“Berlin Hyp places particular emphasis on realising goals that are focused on sustainability. The ‘sustainability of architecture’ should represent a balance of economic, ecological and social concerns while preserving the long term value of the building during the construction and operation”, says Klaus. “With the construction project, we want to make it clear that highly energy-efficient buildings can also be constructed with due consideration for economic and design requirements. In doing so, we aim to guarantee our own contribution to climate protection in addition to a high level of user comfort and careful use of construction materials to conserve resources.”

With the certification process, the DGNB is systematically providing initiatives to drive the transformation of the construction and real estate market towards an appropriate understanding of quality as the foundation for responsible and sustainable action. The framework of the DGNB's approach is a holistic understanding of sustainability which includes ecological, economical and sociocultural aspects just as much as aspects relating to technology, the location, or the process quality. In this sense, sustainability with regard to the DGNB symbolises quality assurance and future viability.

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savings banks, it also makes an extensive spectrum of products and services available to these institutions. Berlin Hyp is not only at the forefront as the issuer of the first Green Pfandbrief; the Bank also supports the financing of sustainable real estate. Berlin Hyp's clear focus, about 150 years of experience and the ability to actively shape the digital transformation in the real estate sector characterise the Bank as a leading German real estate and Pfandbrief bank.