
Liège - Guillemins | Paradis Phase 2 | Call for projects

Announcement of the winner

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In consultation with the city of Liège and the Walloon Region, in late 2013 Fedimmo, subsidiary of Befimmo, launched a call for projects procedure for the construction of a mixed real-estate project of approximately 35,000 m² on the site it owns, adjoining the new Finance Tower and located along the future esplanade opposite the Guillemins station.

Four teams selected from among the interested candidates (architects, engineering firms and general contractors) each proposed an ambitious project meeting particular specifications.

An advisory committee and then a jury composed of representatives of the city of Liège, the Walloon Region (its Walloon Minister of the environment, spatial planning and mobility), the Société de Développement Liège Guillemins (SDLG), the Commission Consultative pour l'Aménagement du Territoire (CCAT), Fedimmo and an urban development architect and real-estate expert, conducted a thorough analysis of the four projects submitted.

Following this analysis, the jury unanimously selected the 'Paradis Express' project as the winner of the competition.

The Paradis Express team is composed of the following partners:

- Architects:** Association Bureau A2M
Bureau d'Architecture Greish
Bureau Jaspers & Eyers Architects
- Engineering firms:**
- Structural engineers: Bureau Lemaire
- Special techniques: TPF Engineering
- Acoustics: D2S
- Landscape architects: Association Heinz Winters - Atelier Paysage
- General contractor:** Association Duchêne - Galère - Interbuild

The project involves the construction of an eco-neighbourhood offering a mix of offices, housing and local shops. The entire jury was impressed by its concept, architecture and skyline.



The site's open aspect, offering broad vistas, very good accessibility and continuity with the public space, is particularly well integrated into its environment and the urban fabric. The landscaping of the surroundings is based on green rolling and tree-studded waves reminiscent of the relief of the city, with its succession of hills and valleys.

All the buildings designed, of high quality, live up to the passive standard and embrace the Near-Zero Energy Building (NZEB) concept. The criteria of quality, comfort and sustainability, in the choice of materials, energy performance, sun exposure, water management, waste, environment and mobility, were rigorously studied and rationally optimised. Finally, the project offers the BREEAM-recognised environmental certification.



As required by the regulations, the project is subject to an impact assessment and one or more single permit applications. The project will be actually implemented when the occupancy risk is adequately covered.

Fedimmo wishes to sincerely thank all candidates for the quality of the projects submitted and the work involved.

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Befimmo is a pure-player investor in the business of offering high-quality office buildings located in Brussels, other Belgian towns and cities and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

Its portfolio currently consists of around one hundred office buildings, with a total space of more than 900,000 m², a large part of which (approx. 70%) is let long-term to public institutions. The fair value of the portfolio as at 31 December 2014 was assessed at €2,258.2 million.

The Company strives to enhance its current portfolio while seizing any investment opportunity that can create value for its shareholders.

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Befimmo endeavours to incorporate the challenges of sustainable development into its strategic thinking, and models its day-to-day activities on the principles of corporate social responsibility.

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