



# Press release

## **Marienforum topping-out ceremony held in Frankfurt's banking district**

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Frankfurt, Aug. 9, 17 – At the heart of Frankfurt's CBD, on Mainzer Landstrasse 1, the topping-out ceremony was held today for the Marienforum building. In accordance with the construction plans, project developer Pecan Development GmbH will finish the 40-meter-high office building, with its ten stories and the adjacent plaza of Marienplatz, by the beginning of 2018. The Marienforum is part of the development of the Marieninsel office complex. By the beginning of 2019, Pecan Development will also complete the approximately 155-meter-high Marienturm tower which boasts 45,450 square meters of rental space over 38 stories, as commissioned by the Perelle Weinberg Real Estate Fund II LP (PWREF II).

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Only six months after the foundation stones for both buildings were laid, the topping-out ceremony took place today in the shell structure of the Marienforum on the newly created Marienplatz. In attendance were City Councilor Markus Frank, architect Thomas Müller, Müller Reimann Architekten and the construction firms involved under the general contractor Adolf Lupp GmbH + Co. KG, as well as others involved in the project and numerous guests.

In his speech, developer Markus Brod, Managing Partner at Pecan Development, emphasized the strength and significance of Frankfurt as a location and the micro-location of the project in particular. "Our brief for the Marienforum was to give Frankfurt as a strong and continually growing metropolis a meaningful ensemble at the beginning of the dynamic axis of Mainzer Landstrasse." Brod went on to say that "our definitive goal goes by the name of "Cultivating Work". For us, what this means is using this whole development on the Marieninsel to create a dynamic world of work in which the focus is firmly on valuing users and their wellbeing. Thanks to the zoning within the building and the balanced mix of uses, we are creating an urban space that will enrich the lives of the people of this city and the immediate vicinity."

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In his subsequent speech City Councilor Markus Frank not only stressed the urban-planning aspects of the construction project, but also emphasized the

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significance of creating between 500 and 700 new jobs on the Marieninsel. “The Marienforum and the likewise newly-created Marienplatz will not only offer space for high-level jobs, but will also be places where users, visitors and guests from all over the world can come together. We really value this approach by the developer, because it means there is a further contribution to the quality of life in the city.”

The architectural design for the so-called Marieninsel was masterminded by Thomas Müller Ivan Reimann Architekten, based in Berlin, while the public areas of the Marienforum and the Marienturm are being designed by Studio Urquiola in Milan under renowned designer Patricia Urquiola. This is the first time that the globally sought-after interior designer was persuaded to work on an office property in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

The Marienforum opens up with a two-story lobby on Mainzer Landstrasse 1, and another entrance is being created onto the newly developed Marienplatz. In the guise of the new public plaza, the CBD can look forward to a new place-to-be. The Marienforum offers around 1,425 square meters of flexibly arranged office space on each floor. On the ground floor there are two restaurants with large outside terraces and retail spaces, while two roof terraces on the sixth and seventh floors offer exclusive spaces and vistas of the city. The underground carpark will have more than 69 parking spaces, of which 21 will have electric charging stations. In addition, the building will have racks for 135 bicycles. In the neighboring Marienturm a public lunch restaurant, a café, a nursery and a fitness center are being developed alongside the office space, so users can take advantage of a broad offering.

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**Marieninsel office complex: Marienturm and Marienforum**

The 155-meter Marienturm is being developed at Taunusanlage 9–10, not far from the Deutsche Bank twin towers, and will offer rental space over 38 floors amounting to 45,450 square meters. In the direct vicinity, Pecan Development is developing the 40-meter-high Marienforum at Mainzer Landstrasse 1, which will offer rental space of 11,950 square meters spread over ten stories. With the Marienturm, Frankfurt’s skyline is set to gain another central highlight. In addition, the attractively designed Marienplatz will enrich the CBD with a new place-to-be, with plans underway for restaurant and retail spaces to liven up the new public plaza.

Furthermore, the project makes a contribution to improving the residential offerings in Frankfurt's city center: Around 10,000 square meters of the replacement accommodation agreed in connection with the building plan has already been created with, amongst other things, the project "Twentyseven" by the former HOCHTIEF subsidiary formart GmbH & Co. KG, based in the Rhine-Main region. A further 5,000 square meters of subsidized accommodation are planned.

[www.marieninsel.de](http://www.marieninsel.de)

**Pecan Development**

Pecan Development is known for its development of living and working environments fit for the future. The focus is on the realization of office, residential and hotel projects, as well as developments and revitalizations of entire districts. The company sees itself as an instigator and co-creator of urban development – always in dialogue with the city, users and investors. The experienced team surrounding managing partners Markus Brod, Jan Kunze and Rüdiger Lehmann brings together many years of expertise in project development for both domestic and international clients.

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**Thomas Müller Ivan Reimann Architekten**

Thomas Müller Ivan Reimann Architekten was founded in Berlin in 1988 by Thomas Müller and Ivan Reimann. The firm currently employs 50 people, and has been able to realize a series of substantial projects and building plans at home and abroad. The spectrum ranges from private houses to urban planning. Alongside its new buildings for the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Interior Ministry in Berlin, Müller Reimann Architekten have also completed a large number of office and commercial buildings, such as those on Leipziger Platz or around the Hackescher Markt in Berlin, as well as public institutions such as the Goethe University faculties on the Westend campus in Frankfurt. The firm's buildings have been recognized in multiple awards, including the German Natural Stone Award 2011 and 2015, the FVHF German Façade Award 2015 and the BDA German Architecture Award 2000.

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**Studio Urquiola**

Patricia Urquiola, originally from Spain but now based in Italy, is one of the most important designers of the present day. She has been named Designer of the Year by international magazines and trade shows on multiple occasions and wins countless awards for her products. She founded her “Studio Urquiola” back in 2001, designing furniture, lighting and rugs for leading manufacturers such as Agape, Alessi, Axor Hansgrohe, B&B Italia, Boffi, Driade, Flos, Haworth, Kartell, Kvadrat, Louis Vuitton, Moroso and Rosenthal. Her latest interior design projects include Das Stue Hotel in Berlin, the spa at the Four Seasons Hotel in Milan and the London headquarters of office furniture manufacturer Haworth. She has designed showrooms and installations for BMW, Missoni, Moroso and Molteni, among others. Since September 2015 Urquiola has been the artistic director at Cassina. The interior design for the Marieninsel is her first project for an office building in the German-speaking region.

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