

Construction on Frankfurt's "European Quarter" continues according to plan

Frankfurt, November 2008 (tcf). The construction plans for the new "Skyline Plaza" were recently approved, paving the way for the continuation of one of Germany's most extensive urban development projects and Frankfurt's most significant construction scheme. The new "European Quarter" will be situated on the grounds of the city's former freight and marshalling yard, only a stone's throw from the Frankfurt Fair & Exhibition Centre.

Vivico Estate GmbH and ECE Project Management GmbH & Co. KG are building the "Skyline Plaza" (former project name; Urban Entertainment Centre) on the grounds of Frankfurt's former railway freight depot. This building complex will include a shopping centre with some 39,900 square metres of gross floor space as well as a 50-metre-tall high-rise, named "Tower II". The latter will be the home of a new five-star luxury hotel offering some 400 guest-rooms. Approximately 8,500 square metres of gross floor space have been designated for restaurants and other eateries, while a further 24,000 square metres have been allocated for apartments of various sizes.

Meanwhile, the plans for a 36,500-square-metre congress centre should be of particular interest to Frankfurt's flourishing congress and conference industry. Construction has already begun on the neighbouring "Tower 185", ground having been broken in late September 2008.

Featuring an attractive mixture of restaurants, retail stores, office space and service suppliers, not to mention the congress centre and a spacious fitness/wellness area, the "Skyline Plaza" will surely be the jewel in the European Quarter's crown, attracting visitors to Frankfurt am Main from near and far.