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Nei Hollerich development earns sustainability certification



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The developers of Nei Hollerich have received a platinum pre-certification from the DGNB. (Illustration Nei Hollerich)



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pre-certification from the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Nachhaltige Bauen (DGNB) at the Expo Real trade fair in Munich on 12 October.

The certificate is an international recognition of the quality of the urban design of this future district in terms of sustainable development. To obtain this level of pre-certification (the highest on the DGNB scale), a number of objectives must be met, particularly with regard to soft mobility in the district, the degree of soil sealing or the presence of green space and energy management.

With a surface area of 20.5 hectares, the site has the advantage of being relatively centrally located, not far from the Luxembourg train station and the main roads, but it also presents a number of challenges, in particular linked to the redevelopment of the former Paul Wurth and Heintz van Landewyck production sites. The master plan foresees a built-up area of 390,000m² with at least 50% housing. According to planning documents, the future district will be home to around 4,500 inhabitants and some 5,500 employees. The buildings will be set up according to the principles of sustainable construction, energy efficiency and the circular economy.

Another aspect that plays a major role in the overall concept is the architectural integration of the district's historical heritage. Gilles Feider of Paul Wurth Real Estate said: "We are developing a forward-looking project, in which we also pay tribute to the tradition and diverse history of the two companies in the new district. Thus, the protected buildings of the Paul Wurth company in the Rue de l'Acierie will be preserved and integrated into a modern urban development concept." Jürgen Primm of Landimmo added: "The protected Landewyck Building, adjacent to the very attractive park, will be completely renovated and converted into office space."

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