**Construction of The Bridge progresses. The next stage has been reached for the tower’s building works.**

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**Construction work on The Bridge tower has entered a new stage. The foundation plate underneath the building has been completed as well as the building’s parking facilities. Now work has begun on the tower’s core. Ghelamco’s latest project on pl. Europejski square will eventually rise to a height of 174m.**

Currently, the underground section of The Bridge is under development. Ghelamco’s construction engineers are using the top-down construction method. This is one of the more complicated techniques but also one of the safest. Space is dug out for the top ceilings, which are built first before the lower ones and then the work progresses down to the tower’s foundation plate. For this work, low-emission Vertua® concrete supplied by CEMEX has been used, allowing for the carbon dioxide emissions to be greatly reduced in comparison to a standard reference building and at the same time limiting the project’s carbon footprint while it is under construction.

*“We are building the most technologically-advanced and the most environmentally-friendly tower building in Poland. This is right now proven by the prestigious SmartScore and WiredScore certificates that we, as the first recipients in the CEE region, obtained in June and for which we were awarded the highest possible scores. Our project will combine the present with the past to offer tenants an inimitable atmosphere as well as the latest solutions to be available in a building,” says* **Jarosław Zagórski**, the commercial and business development director at Ghelamco Poland.

The 40-storey skyscraper is to be connected to the former headquarters of publisher Bellona and the architectural designs of the past are to be joined with the modern through the construction of a symbolic bridge.

The scheduled date for the completion of construction work on The Bridge is Q1 2025.

**About The Bridge**

The tower, which was designed by renowned Dutch architectural studio UNStudio, will have the latest technological and environmentally-friendly solutions. Ghelamco’s own Signal OS operating system is to be used to intelligently manage the building. Among other things it will allow for sustainable water and energy management and will also control and monitor the air circulation to ensure that it is smog free. The mobile app is an integral part of this system and it will allow users to walk through the building without an access card as well as to reserve rooms, offices and parking spaces. Additionally, special solutions are to be used to prevent the spread of viruses Including UV disinfection in the elevators and the central ventilation system. Furthermore an innovative system is to be used in the building to significantly reduce water usage.

On offer to future users in The Bridge will be 47,000 sq m of office space of the highest standard and on the tower’s 40th floor. there is to be an open terrace for the exclusive use of the tenants. The building is also to have around 280 parking spaces including electric vehicle charging stations. Additionally, a special area is to be devoted to electric bicycles and scooters with 31 charging points. Cyclists will have 150 bicycle parking spaces at their disposal as well as a locker-room with showers.

In the space that on ul. Grzybowska, up until now, has been occupied by a car park, there is to be a pocket park and thus the entrance to The Bridge will be from a green square so that pl. Europejski square comes closer to ul. Towarowa and ul. Grzybowska with the main part of the square is being accessible through the tower’s lobby.

Ghelamco’s latest project is to be certified under WELL, WELL Health Safety Rating, BREEAM, DGNB, Green Building Standard and Buildings Without Barriers.

**ABOUT GHELAMCO POLAND**

Ghelamco Poland is a leader in the commercial real estate market in Poland and a pioneer in ESG, innovation and citygenic projects in the office market. Throughout its 31 years of activity as an investor, developer and general contractor, the company has established its leading position by delivering more than 1,200,000 sqm of first-class office, residential, retail and warehouse space. The sales volume of completed projects exceeds €1.3 billion. The company is part of Ghelamco - one of the largest international developers in Europe, operating in Belgium, France, the UK and Cyprus. In Poland, it carries out its investments in, among others, Warsaw, Krakow, Katowice, Łódź and Wrocław.

Ghelamco has been consistently setting the directions of the Polish real estate market for years. As the first developer in Poland, it certified its office buildings in the prestigious BREEAM system (2010), SmartScore and WiredScore (2022), and discovered the office potential of the capital's Wola district, creating the business centre of Warsaw in the vicinity of the Daszyńskiego roundabout. Its flagship investments such as Warsaw Spire, The Warsaw HUB and Warsaw UNIT have introduced a new quality to the Polish office market and shaped the contemporary skyline of the capital. The company is also active in the luxury and residential real estate market, where its most spectacular projects include the revitalisation of Warsaw's Foksal 13/15 residences.

As an ESG leader, Ghelamco aims to achieve full energy neutrality by 2025. By building its own photovoltaic farms, all of the developer's buildings will be powered by 100% clean energy. Ghelamco views sustainable construction in a broader perspective, actively working to shape urban space. A flagship example of this activity was the construction of plac Europejski in Warsaw and the establishment of the Sztuka w Mieście Foundation, which aims to improve the quality of public space in Polish cities.

Ghelamco's achievements have been recognised with a number of national and international awards, including the Developer of the Year title seventeen times and the MIPIM Awards statuette for Warsaw Spire as the best office building in the world.

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