**The Bridge goes up**

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**The Bridge, which is under construction at Plac Europejski, has already surpassed the neighboring historical Bellona publishing house building and the pre-war townhouses on Grzybowska Street. With each passing week, the skyscraper will grow by another floor, of which there will be eventually as many as 40. Ghelamco’s project is currently the largest office building under construction in Warsaw.**

At the construction site of the 174-meter-high The Bridge, the eighth floor is currently being built. Ghelamco specialists have already completed the skyscraper’s podium, and hydraulic shoring systems are being installed. At the same time, the support of the podium floor is being dismantled, so passersby will be able to see its structure coming soon. Its characteristic element is the 13-meter V-shaped columns made of colored concrete, which will decorate the three-story lobby. This summer, work will also begin on the facade of the building, a mock-up of which can already be seen at Plac Europejski.

*“The Bridge sets a new quality standard in the commercial real estate market in Poland. The building will meet the most stringent requirements when it comes to smart solutions and ESG. This has already been confirmed by its SmartScore and WiredScore certifications at the highest Platinum level, the first in the CEE region. I am convinced that The Bridge will become the headquarters and showcase for all those companies that focus on sustainability and ESG,”* says **Jarosław Zagórski**, Managing Director, Ghelamco Poland.

The 40-story skyscraper was designed by the acclaimed Dutch architectural firm UNStudio in cooperation with Projekt Polsko-Belgijska Pracownia Architektury. It will be connected to the neighboring former Bellona publishing house, with which it will share a lobby. The estimated completion date for The Bridge is Q1 2025.

**Designed with the ESG in mind**

The skyscraper, which is being built at the intersection of Towarowa and Grzybowska streets, will have the most modern technological and environmentally friendly solutions. Ultimately, The Bridge is to be energy-neutral and powered by 100% clean energy thanks to the developer's photovoltaic farms. The building will use Ghelamco’s proprietary operating system, Signal OS, which allows for, among other things, sustainable water and energy management and control of air treatment with monitoring in order to be smog-free. Another component of the system is a mobile application that allows tenants to move around the office building without an access card or reserve a room or parking space. The Bridge will also use special anti-pandemic solutions to prevent the spread of viruses, including virucidal UV lamps in lifts and air handling units. In addition, the building will implement innovative technology to significantly minimize water consumption.

The Bridge will offer future tenants a total of 47,000 sqm of first-class office space, and the 40th floor of the skyscraper will feature a sky-high terrace for the exclusive use of the tenant. The building will provide about 280 parking spaces, including those with chargers for electric cars, as well as a special parking lot for electric bikes with 31 charging outlets. Cyclists will get to use nearly 150 bicycle spaces and locker rooms with showers.

In addition to the Platinum-level SmartScore and WiredScore certifications, the Ghelamco office building will also be certified under the WELL, WELL HealthSafety Rating, BREEAM, Green Building Standard and Barrier-Free Facility systems.

[Budowa wieżowca The Bridge w centrum Warszawy – timelapse (cz. II) - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D6ln47hdn1U)

**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 32 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.