

Erste Group celebrates topping out of its new headquarters

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Erste Campus, the new headquarters of Erste Group Bank AG, held its topping out ceremony yesterday. While at the start of the year there were still six cranes at the 25,000 m² construction site, today there are only four. "We are right on schedule," announced a very pleased Herbert Juranek, Erste Group Management Board Member responsible for the construction of Erste Campus. The shell of the building is 37 to 50 meters high. This corresponds to seven and thirteen stories. Some 77,000 cubic meters of concrete have been poured into Vienna's largest construction site on which up to 1,000 workers from over 100 firms labour every day to build Erste Campus.

The economic intention behind the new company headquarters was to create a single location for all employees of Erste Group and its subsidiaries that work in Vienna. "Not only 'why' but also 'how' was important to us", stressed Juranek. Thus, Erste Campus is one of the few major construction sites in Austria that runs on power from renewable sources and is therefore 100% CO₂-free. In December 2012, the project, which was designed by the architects Henke and Schreieck, underwent a building certification audit pursuant to the DGNB system conducted by Österreichische Gesellschaft für Nachhaltige Immobilienwirtschaft (ÖGNI, Austrian Association for a Sustainable Real Estate Industry) and was awarded the highest level certificate "DGNB Gold". The final certificate will be awarded after completion which is planned for 2015. At the 4th GBB Green & Blue Building Conference 2013, which is dedicated to energy efficiency, sustainability and technical innovation in the real estate industry, Erste Campus was among the best five projects selected. As of 2016, the approximately 4,000 employees that currently work at more than 20 locations will start moving to the new headquarters.



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