

# Press briefing

## Marienturm and Marienforum development continuing to take shape

Planning application filed,  
interior designer Patricia Urquiola recruited

Frankfurt, 10.05.16. The Marienturm and Marienforum development is continuing to take shape. Following submission of the planning applications and demolition of the existing buildings at Taunusanlage 9-10 last year, developer Pecan Development GmbH is now presenting the initial drafts of the interior design concept for the two buildings. The developer has entered into collaboration with renowned Italian interior designer Patricia Urquiola, Milan, in this connection.

“The 155-metre high Marienturm and the neighbouring 40-metre high Marienforum will provide the future office users with a quality setting offering the utmost in comfort, aesthetic appeal and variety in their daily work environment. *Cultivating Work* sums up this aspiration for our company and our international target group,” notes Markus Brod, managing partner of Pecan Development. “Mindful that time spent at work should form a valuable part of our lives, we will be devoting special care and attention to designing the setting in which companies and their employees invest a great deal of time every day. In Patricia Urquiola we have one of today’s best designers at our side.”

The interior design concept also embraces the public areas of the two buildings at the Marieninsel site, thereby expanding the bounds of the work environment. The focus is on the needs of our future users and their high expectations of their work environment. Urquiola describes the design aspirations for the interior setting at the Marieninsel site as follows: “Looking to the future, it is extremely important to be open to new forms of working and to develop and optimise new approaches in this field. Quality, identity and elegance will be defining hallmarks of the two buildings. The selection and integration of materials will play a key role for Marienturm and Marienforum.” Initial visualisations show the foyer and the adjoining café as bright, warm rooms with a stylish atmosphere conjuring up a pronounced sense of well-being, for example.

The announcement of the interior design concept now marks the beginning of the exclusive marketing phase for Pecan Development. “Together with the investor Perella Weinberg Real Estate Fund II, we are convinced that our aspiration to *Cultivating Work* and the pooling of our expertise in the fields of development, architecture and interior design will give rise to an enduring and inspiring asset

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for forward-looking companies and the city of Frankfurt, here at the heart of the banking district,” observes Brod.

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#### **Marienturm and Marienforum**

The 155 m high Marienturm comprising some 44,900 square metres of floorspace is planned at Taunusanlage 9-10, not far from the Deutsche Bank twin towers. At Mainzer Landstrasse 5 in the direct vicinity of the Marienturm, Pecan Development is planning the 40 m high Marienforum, which will offer 11,700 square metres of rental space on 10 storeys. The design for the prominent landmark at the Marieninsel site has been drafted by Berlin firm Müller-Reimann Architekten, which won a corresponding architectural competition with its proposal in September 2013. The Marienturm will add a further central highlight to the Frankfurt skyline, While the attractively designed Marienplatz will provide another appealing setting to enhance the banking district - planned catering establishments and retail outlets are set to bring this new public space to life. A day-care nursery is also planned. Both Marienturm and Marienforum received the LEED pre-certificate in platinum in April 2016. This means that the highest possible distinction for sustainable construction is now pending for the two buildings.

The project will furthermore help to boost the supply of housing in downtown Frankfurt: some 10,000 square metres of the replacement residential space stipulated in the planning agreement have already been created. A further 5,000 square meters of subsidised housing are planned.

[www.marieninsel.de](http://www.marieninsel.de)

#### **Pecan Development**

The developers Markus Brod, Rüdiger Lehmann and Jan Kunze established Pecan Development in 2015. The property company plans and realises developments in inner-city locations and sees itself as driving urban development in a responsible manner through the creation of urban living and working space. Apart from developing office properties, business properties and residential projects, the young company also focuses on innovative revitalization projects and the planning and realisation of urban district development projects. The experienced team headed by the managing partners pools a wealth of expertise in the field of development for German and foreign clients.

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#### **Perella Weinberg Real Estate Fund II**

Perella Weinberg Real Estate Fund II LP (PWREF II) is a private investment vehicle established to invest in real estate and real estate related opportunities in Europe. PWREF II is capitalised with over €1.3 billion in aggregate equity commitments, made by a group that includes some of the world’s most prominent institutional investors. PW Real Assets LLP acts as investment adviser to PWREF II.

#### **Thomas Müller Ivan Reimann Architects**

Thomas Müller Ivan Reimann Architects is a partnership led by Thomas Müller and Ivan Reimann and the two Partners - Regula Scheibler and Torsten Glasenapp. Thomas Müller and Ivan Reimann established their office in Berlin in 1988.

A team of about 50 employees is working on projects across Germany and abroad. Thomas Müller Ivan Reimann Architects have designed a wide range of projects from the small scale of a private home to the large scale of urban design. While many of their projects are highly recognized like the Federal Foreign Office or the Federal Ministry of the Interior in Berlin, they have also completed several distinguished projects including apartment buildings and offices e. g. on Leipziger Platz or Hackesches Quartier, as well as public projects, such as the faculties of the Goethe University Frankfurt/ Main. The practice has been awarded numerous prizes including the German Natural Stone Award in 2011 and 2015, the German Facade Award FVHF in 2015 and the Architecture Prize of BDA-Berlin in 2000.

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#### **Studio Urquiola**

Born in Spain and presently resident in Italy, Patricia Urquiola is one of today’s leading designers. She has received numerous accolades as Designer of the Year from various international magazines and trade fairs and has won numerous awards for her products. She founded her “Studio Urquiola” in 2001. Patricia Urquiola designs furniture, lamps and carpets for leading manufacturers such as Agape, Alessi, Axor Hansgrohe, B&B Italia, Boffi, Driade, Flos, Haworth, Kartell, Kvadrat, Louis Vuitton, Moroso and Rosenthal. Recent interior design projects include the Stue Hotel in Berlin, the spa of the des Four Seasons Hotel in Milan and the London headquarters of office furniture manufacturer Haworth. She has designed showrooms and installations for

BMW, Missoni, Moroso and Molteni, for example. Patricia Urquiola has been art director for Cassina since September 2015. The interior design for Marieninsel is her first office property project in the German-speaking countries.

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