

DRIVEN Investment joins forces with Jürgen Wowra to turn historic locomotive circus into "Paradome Potsdam"

- **Investor group agrees on joint venture with owner Jürgen Wowra**
- **Redevelopment of the historic Lok-Zirkus for office use incl. underground car park**
- **BIMA has already signed a lease for 16,000 m² for the main customs office in 2020**
- **New building extension of 3,000 m² possible**
- **Completion in fall 2023**

Berlin/Potsdam, April 27, 2021: The management of DRIVEN Investment, together with a group of private investors who do not wish to be named, has entered into a joint venture with owner and co-investor Jürgen Wowra. DRIVEN Investment is responsible for project management and owner representation for the refurbishment and later expansion of the listed building with around 16,000 m² of floor space in Potsdam-Babelsberg.

Main customs office is tenant in the new "Paradome Potsdam"

The striking building is characterized by a hexagonal hall with a 20-meter-high Schwedler dome roof that has a span of 48 meters. Locomotives were built here from 1899 to 1976. After that, the extraordinary industrial monument stood empty and was temporarily used as a film set. In 2016, investor Jürgen Wowra acquired the site to develop it as a modern office location under the project name "Paradome Potsdam". A perspective expansion with a new building with 3,000 m² of usable space is also part of the planning.

In a first step, DRIVEN Investment is now starting the refurbishment of the historic building and its addition of an underground parking garage. Since September 2020, there is also the future tenant: The main customs office in Potsdam wants to use the building as its new headquarters from 2023. Around 540 employees will then have their offices here.

Unique property, outstanding location

Thorsten Krauß, Managing Director of DRIVEN Investment, is convinced of the potential of the new "Paradome Potsdam": "The city of Potsdam offers excellent prospects for successful office developments. Not only because of its proximity to Berlin, but also because the Brandenburg capital itself is now a rapidly growing business location. We are delighted to be able to realize such a unique building as the historic Lok-Zirkus as a modern office property here. In addition, the location on the Nuthestrasse freeway feeder road and within walking distance of the Potsdam Medienstadt Babelsberg train station creates a perfect starting condition for our tenant."

For his part, co-investor Jürgen Wowra is pleased to have found the right partners for the realization: "DRIVEN Investment has a great deal of know-how with regard to the development of complex office and commercial properties. This is exactly the professional expertise we need for the timely redevelopment of this extraordinary building. Moreover, with its Think Campus project, DRIVEN Investment has already demonstrated a good feel for high-opportunity Potsdam locations."

Completion of the "Paradome Potsdam" is scheduled for fall 2023. Then the employees* of the main customs office will move into their new offices.

DRIVEN Investment GmbH

DRIVEN Investment GmbH was founded in Berlin in December 2018. As a new player in the project development and investment segment, the company has started with a Germany-wide logistics portfolio as well as the development of the Potsdam "Think Campus". Trust, transparency and openness are the pillars of the company's philosophy. Behind DRIVEN are shareholders with many years of lead experience in the real estate industry. Managing directors of the company are Togrul Günden and Horst Weis, managing partners are Dr. Ingo Holz, Thorsten Krauß and Ingo Weiss.

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