

Pressemitteilung

Berliner Schloßstraße: Berliner Volksbank and DRIVEN develop modern office property

Berlin, 4. März 2024: Berliner Volksbank and property developer DRIVEN are developing a modern, 7-storey office building on the corner of Schloßstrasse and Wrangelstrasse in the Berlin district of Steglitz-Zehlendorf. Berliner Volksbank, which is also a shareholder in DRIVEN, is contributing the property to a project company. A total of around 4,500 square metres of new office space is planned. A café and a children's daycare centre are also to be built on the ground floor. The site was previously occupied by a branch of Berliner Volksbank, which will reopen at Schlosstrasse 102 in mid-April. In a second step, Berliner Volksbank will open an advisory centre at Wolfensteindamm 9. The architectural firm responsible for the new DRIVEN and Berliner Volksbank building on the corner of Schlosstrasse and Wrangelstrasse is Axthelm Rolvien. "With DRIVEN and Axthelm Rolvien, we have an ideal partner to realise the development potential of the site," says Carsten Jung, CEO of Berliner Volksbank.

Before construction work can begin, however, the development plan must first be approved. "We are hoping for a go-ahead as soon as possible, as the neighbourhood could do with a positive urban development boost in view of the construction freeze on the Steglitz roundabout," says Ingo Weiss, Co-Founder & Managing Partner of DRIVEN. The 3,160 square metre site at Wrangelstrasse 14 is located directly opposite the Schlosspark Theatre and not far from the Steglitzer Kreisel roundabout, the "das Schloss" shopping centre and the Rathaus Steglitz S-Bahn and U-Bahn station.

"Modern office space is rarely available in Steglitz, but is in high demand from various local companies such as law firms and tax consultants," says Weiss. The planned taller new building allows for sensible redensification without having to compromise on sustainability. Monument protection was also taken into account. This is because the visual axis "Schloßstraße-Dorfkirchhof Steglitz-Wrangelschlösschen-Matthäuskirche" should not be impaired by the new building. An underground car park with 40 parking spaces is planned instead of the previous ground-level parking spaces, all of which will be prepared for electric charging stations.

DRIVEN

DRIVEN was founded in Berlin in December 2018. The company, which operates throughout Germany, sees itself as a risk-taking and risk-aware property developer. Trust, transparency and openness are the pillars of the company's philosophy. Driven is currently developing various office, laboratory and residential properties. Driven is backed by shareholders with many years of management experience in the property sector. The founders of Driven are Dr Ingo Holz, Thorsten Krauß and Ingo Weiss. The company is managed by Ingo Weiss, Toğrul Günden and Horst Weis, with Niels Berl responsible for the residential projects as Managing Director. In 2020, Driven took on Berliner Volksbank and Swiss Life Asset Managers as shareholders to support its long-term growth strategy.

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