



COPRO honoured for its sustainable commercial district

The Berlin-based project “Urbane Mitte” receives the platinum pre-certification from the DGNB at the EXPO REAL

Berlin, 6 October 2017 – High praise for COPRO: The real estate developer and investor has achieved the prestigious DGNB platinum pre-certification for its project “Urbane Mitte”. Platinum, the highest possible distinction, recognises the exceptional achievements of COPRO and the entire planning team under the leadership of Ortner & Ortner Baukunst as well as the project managers KVL. The German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB) has honoured the Berlin-based prestige project for its commitment to sustainable architecture. The award represents the next chapter for COPRO, after it received the very first gold certificate ever awarded to a historically protected building in 2015.

The DGNB has awarded its certificates in bronze, silver, gold and platinum since 2009. The Stuttgart-based non-profit organisation assesses the sustainability of buildings and urban districts according to objective criteria, and the quality is evaluated over a building’s entire lifecycle. The DGNB System is now considered the “Global Benchmark for Sustainability”.

“This prize is a major honour for us and the entire team at Urbane Mitte”, said Marc F. Kimmich, Founder and Managing Partner of COPRO. “At the same time, it is an obligation to uphold and realise our vision.” For Kimmich, this vision encompasses much more than the construction projects themselves: “While our starting point is architecture, we also explore ways of living and working, and consider aspects like sustainability, mobility, pluralism and the arts and culture.”

Developing a forward-looking urban quarter

For COPRO, the project “Urbane Mitte” considers how appropriate spaces for working and living can be created in a location for people and companies, and how these spaces can help foster encounters and create private spaces as well as spaces for collaboration and concentration to the same degree. The project is intended to lead by example, showing how an inviting, dynamic cityscape can be designed. With a mix of green facades, rooftop and storey gardens and a balanced mixed-use concept, the property is equally open to visitors and tenants, while sustainable spaces that contribute to a healthy lifestyle will create a high-quality location for all. An integral part of this concept is a holistic energy scheme that encompasses a variety of renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar power and geothermal energy. Another priority is sustainable mobility, with excellent public transport



connections and a well-designed circulation plan to accommodate foot and bicycle traffic.

COPRO received the DGNB platinum pre-certification at an awards ceremony held on 5 October 2017 at the EXPO Real. With the theme “Sustainable Building”, an exhibitors’ stand was shared by the partners German Federal Chamber of Architects (BAK), German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB), the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) and the Federal Foundation of Baukultur.

About COPRO

[COPRO](#) is an independent real estate developer and investor with projects primarily in Berlin and Stuttgart.

Independent and managed by its founder Marc F. Kimmich, the company was started in Berlin in 1993 and specialises in complex property development projects and renovating exceptional residential and commercial properties, many of which are historically protected buildings. With expertise in project development, sales and services, renting and property management, COPRO services span the entire life cycle of a property. The company always strives to unleash the individual potential of each space, while balancing user, resident and public interests.

The company’s growing real estate portfolio currently comprises 20 properties, measuring over 75,000 square metres in total. Of that, about two-thirds are commercial spaces and one-third residential. The company has a number of prestige projects, such as [Geisberg Berlin](#). Measuring 15,000 square metres and located in a historical post office in the Schöneberg section of Berlin, the development represents a brand new kind of community-based residential project. Other highlights include [Kaiserbau](#) am Stuttgarter Marienplatz, built in 1911, while COPRO is also transforming the historical complex of buildings known as [GLINT](#) in the Mitte district of Berlin into a residential and business space with about 72 flats as well as five commercial units. Finally, with the project [Urbane Mitte am Gleisdreieck](#), the company is developing a 4.3 hectares property with a total area 119,000 square metres. Located in the northern section of the Kreuzberg district and just a stone’s throw away from Potsdamer Platz, the area is slated to be revitalised as a dynamic, modern urban district. As a responsible developer, COPRO takes a holistic approach to every property. The company demonstrates its commitment to community through a variety of social and cultural projects connected to the company and property locations.



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