



PRESS RELEASE
First stone laid in
BNP Paribas construction project
in Luxembourg-Kirchberg

The first stone of the BNP Paribas construction project at the Kirchberg site was laid on 15 October 2013 by Luc Frieden, Minister of Finance, Xavier Bettel, Mayor of Luxembourg, Georges Heinrich, Chairman of the Board of Directors of BGL BNP Paribas, and Carlo Thill, Country Head and Chairman of the Management Board at BGL BNP Paribas.

The BNP Paribas Group in Luxembourg currently has several head-office buildings together with the 40 branches in the BGL BNP Paribas network. The aim of the new construction project is to group employees from a majority of Group entities at the Kirchberg site with a view to strengthening synergies. On completion in June 2016, the site will house nearly 4,000 employees.

The project includes the construction of two interlinked buildings, one white, with 14 floors, and one black, with six floors. Total surface area will be 51,500 square metres. Space will be set aside for a third building measuring 18,000 square metres, the foundations and underground levels of which will be completed at the same time as the other two buildings. The Kirchberg site will also feature green spaces, including a terraced park and walking paths.

As a responsible citizen, the Group designed the project with a firm emphasis on environmental respect. Particular attention was paid to eco-responsible technologies and the minimum consumption of energy and natural resources. The Group is aiming for triple environmental certification at European level, with DGNB in Germany, BREEAM in the UK and HQE in France. The project has already qualified for "HQE Excellent" certification.¹

In much the same spirit, several trees growing in the BGL BNP Paribas garden before the start of the project have been replanted at the new Creos Regional Centre in Roost, blending seamlessly into the landscape.

Some 50 companies are involved in the construction of the new site, most of them based in Luxembourg and the Grande Région. The large-scale project confirms BNP Paribas's role as a creator of employment and its robust presence in the Luxembourg economy.



The dimensions of the project also show just how much confidence the BNP Paribas Group in Luxembourg places in the future development of the financial centre.

Facts and figures

Total construction surface area:

51,500 m² in two buildings under construction, together with a further 18,000 m² in a third building, of which only the foundations and underground levels will be built for the moment.

Head architect:	M3 Architectes and the Goblet Lavandier consultancy firm
Floors:	14 (building 1) 6 (building 2)
Workstations:	3,000
Cubic metres excavated:	200,000 m ³
Start of excavation work:	11 March 2013
Project completion:	June 2016
Budget:	200 million euros

¹ HQE Excellent certification confirms that the building meets the requisite levels of performance in the 2012 technical certification plan in each of the following areas: energy, environment, health and comfort.

About BGL BNP Paribas

BGL BNP Paribas (www.bgl.lu) is one of the largest banks in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. It offers an especially wide range of financial products to individuals, professionals, private banking clients and businesses. BGL BNP Paribas is Luxembourg's number-one provider of banking services to professionals and small- and medium-size companies, and number two in services for individuals. It is also the leader for bancassurance. In 2012 the international magazine *The Banker* named BGL BNP Paribas "Bank of the Year" in Luxembourg for the second year in a row.

About BNP Paribas

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