

THE SUSTAINABLE BANK TRIODOS WILL MOVE INTO QUATUOR, ONE OF THE GREENEST BUILDINGS IN BRUSSELS, DESIGNED AND MANAGED BY BEFIMMO

Triodos will be moving to an architecturally and environmentally prestigious office building, the Quatuor, located in the Gare du Nord district. The 170 employees will occupy 2,150 m² from January 2024. The contract with the owner Befimmo has just been signed.



Triodos Bank, a pioneer in sustainable finance for more than 40 years, will be moving its Belgian headquarters into the Quatuor building, one of the first **office buildings in Brussels to receive BREEAM OUTSTANDING certification**, the highest rating for design. BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) is the most widely used method for assessing the environmental performance of a building. It takes into account the entire life cycle of buildings, from construction to end of life, with a particular focus on the quality of life offered to its occupants.

Employees involved in this choice

From 1 January 2024 Triodos will occupy 2,150 m² on two floors, connected by a majestic staircase to increase internal communication, within Tower A and will have access to one of the most beautiful terraces in the complex. Triodos employees were involved in the search and evaluation of a new workplace. This building will offer them pleasant working spaces that are accessible by public transport. It will also lend itself perfectly to hybrid working, with spaces for both quiet work and meetings between colleagues. The bank will also welcome its clients.

Passive building and green oasis

The Quatuor project has been designed to be passive and to comply with the highest standards of innovation and environmental performance. Equipped with advanced technologies, the complex comprises four buildings connected to each other by a vast interior garden, open to the public and designed as an oasis of greenery and calm.

Ideally located near the North Station and the centre of Brussels, close to public transport, the complex has 300 bicycle parking spaces. In terms of energy, 1,400 solar panels have been installed to produce 400,000 kWh/year. The Quatuor is equipped with rainwater recycling systems, efficient insulation and geothermal heating and cooling systems.



Neutralité carbone

"This move fits in perfectly with Triodos net zero's objective: we want to achieve carbon neutrality as soon as possible and by 2035 at the latest. To achieve this, Triodos is acting across its entire value chain, i.e. in its internal operations as well as in its credits and investments," explains Thomas Van Craen, Director of Triodos Bank Belgium.

"We are very proud to welcome Triodos Bank to the Quartet. Like us, the bank is committed to environmental qualities. It places quality of life and people at the heart of its concerns. Quatuor, an emblematic development of Befimmo's expertise, provides the answer to these key concerns. This new transaction reflects the attractiveness of our buildings and the confidence of our tenants, in a particularly demanding context, both in terms of environmental and technical quality, and in terms of the ability to take into account new trends in the organisation and evolution of hybrid work", comments Bart Simaey, Senior Contract Manager at Befimmo.

About Triodos

Founded in 1980, Triodos Bank has become an international leader in sustainable banking. Triodos Bank is an independent bank that promotes sustainable and transparent banking. It believes that there is no dichotomy between putting people and the environment first and making a decent financial return. On the contrary, it believes that these two approaches are mutually reinforcing in the long term.

Triodos Bank has banking activities in the Netherlands, Belgium, the United Kingdom, Spain, Germany and France, as well as asset management activities based in the Netherlands but operating globally.

Triodos Bank is a co-founder of the Global Alliance for Banking on Values, a network of 70 sustainable banks. Together, these banks aim to significantly grow sustainable banking and its impact on the real economy.

Triodos Bank NV holds a full banking license and is registered with the Dutch Central Bank (De Nederlandsche Bank NV) and the Dutch Financial Markets Authority. It is registered with the FSMA (Financial Services and Markets Authority) as a foreign credit institution with a branch in Belgium.

The latest information on Triodos Bank is available on the website www.triodos.com.

About Befimmo:

Befimmo is a real-estate investor, operator and developer and a Belgian Real-Estate Investment Trust (SIR-GVV). Focused on offices and mixed-use buildings and coworking spaces, our high-quality and performant portfolio is located in growing BeLux city centres.

Befimmo aims to create, manage and build thriving work & life environments and animate communities for a sustainable future. Our ambition is to create and operate high-quality, mixed-use projects in growing economic, academic and research hubs in BeLux. Our in-house coworking partner Silversquare and our partnership with Sparks will allow us to deliver tailor-made coworking spaces and meeting venues. We want to accompany our clients throughout their real estate journey, offering them an ultimate experience, as a one-stop-shop they can entrust with all their needs and expectations in terms of work and living space.

Befimmo's value creation priority is about offering integrated hybrid, sustainable work & life solutions answering to the major trends shaping the world of tomorrow. ESG criteria have become a natural extension to this strategy and drives us towards innovation.

It is worth about €2.9 billion and comprises 60 offices and mixed-use buildings and 10 coworking spaces.



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