

Artelia mobilises its multidisciplinary teams for the construction of the Duo towers, which are at the heart of the Paris Left Bank project

18 May 2017 – In a ceremony attended by Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris, and the main project players, including representatives from the Artelia Group, leading French independent engineering firm, the foundation stone was set in place to mark the official launch of construction of the Duo towers.

Designed by Ateliers Jean Nouvel, the Duo towers will be located in the Paris Left Bank urban development zone (13th district), between the urban ring road and Boulevard des Maréchaux, alongside the railway tracks leading to Paris-Austerlitz station.

An emblematic project that will give a new identity to the Left Bank district

Under the ownership of real-estate company Ivanhoé Cambridge, a subsidiary of the Caisse de Dépôt et Placement du Québec pension fund, this project, which was selected by the Paris City Council in the context of its call for tenders, is one of the last programmes in the Paris Left Bank redevelopment operation. Renovation of this large area in southeast Paris is being managed by SEMAPA, a semi-public company created by Paris City Council.

Respectively 180 and 122 metres high, the two asymmetrical and unaligned towers are to be built side by side and will contribute to reshaping the skyline of the business district, which has been undergoing major development over the past twenty years.

These two multi-purpose buildings will accommodate offices and businesses, shops, a four-star hotel with 139 rooms and a sky bar & restaurant with panoramic view over Paris, an auditorium, a landscaped garden, tree-lined terraces and access to the extended metro line 10.

Engineering design, the centrepiece to the successful outcome of this ambitious project

The Artelia Group is actively involved in this large-scale project, providing **general design and construction supervision services** to ensure the two structures are built in compliance with specifications.

For Artelia's Building Construction & Industrial Facilities sector, no fewer than **40 employees** are working on the project, forming a **multidisciplinary team** dedicated to this operation. In addition to providing general design and construction supervision services, the team is also responsible for designing HVAC and utility networks, providing BIM management services and assisting the Owner with environmental certification procedures.

The works were launched in April 2017 following the signature of a lease agreement by a Lessee who will occupy all the offices in the two towers (90,000 m²), which will have a capacity of 6,300 staff upon completion of the works.

This large-scale project will involve nearly 1,000 workers and will be completed in 2021, when the new occupants of the site will be able to move in.

More information

Two towers: **180 m** (39 storeys) | **122 m** (29 storeys)
 Surface area: **90,000 m²** | **6,300** occupants | **139** hotel rooms

With its characteristic shape, the DUO2 tower tilts away from the DUO1 tower. It consists of a stack of several volumes that all have a different function (shops, offices, hotel, bar-restaurant, rooftop). The nine underground levels will accommodate 505 parking spaces.



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The team dedicated to the project:

Project Owner: IVANHOE CAMBRIDGE INVESTISSEMENT FRANCE
 Delegated Project Manager: HINES FRANCE
 Architect: ATELIERS JEAN NOUVEL
 General Consultant, HVAC & Utilities design office, Assistance to the Owner with environmental certifications: ARTELIA BATIMENT & INDUSTRIE
 Contractor: VINCI CONSTRUCTION (lead firm of a consortium)

About Artelia:

Artelia is an international, multidisciplinary group specialising in consultancy, engineering and project management in the construction, infrastructure, water and environment sectors. It currently has a staff of 4,000 and generated turnover of €439 million in 2016, and thus ranks as one of France's foremost firms in the sector. The group has operations in more than 35 countries in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia and South America. Artelia is more than 97% owned by its managers and employees.

The audit of the group's certified entities performed by AFAQ in June 2015 resulted in its ISO 9001, OHSAS 18001 and ISO 14001 certifications being renewed for a further three-year cycle.

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