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# Galeria Chełm with the BREEAM Design Stage certificate.



On December 3, 2019, Galeria Chełm – the first shopping center in Chełm, a joint venture of Acteeum and Equilis – was awarded the BREEAM Design Stage – VERY GOOD certificate. This prestigious certificate confirms the effectiveness of the project investors' efforts to meet the highest ecological standards in the design and development of the Chełm shopping center, which is scheduled to open in Q1 next year.

As a result of a meticulous assessment of the Galeria Chełm development, experts from BRE Global, issuers of BREEAM certificates, gave Chełm project a noble VERY GOOD grade, awarding its Design Stage certificate. The BREEAM certification process has especially emphasized those features of Galeria Chełm focusing on energy, water, utilities and waste use optimization, confirming the far-reaching ecological efforts of the Chełm facility.

- The awarded certificate gives us extraordinary joy and satisfaction! It confirms that with development of the Chełm project, we not only create a unique place for happy meetings, entertainment and shopping for the inhabitants of Chełm and the region, but also we ensure great care for the ecology and environmental harmony of Galeria Chełm – explains Monika Woźniak-Zawioła CEO of Equilis in Poland.

Apart from ecological features, the BREEAM certificate, highly appreciates the project management system at the planning and construction stages, as well as the implemented approach of harmonized use of the plot where Galeria Chełm is being developed.

- We are very happy with the certificate received by Galeria Chełm. It is a tangible proof of the care for the highest possible pro-ecological nature of our projects from the investors' and developers' perspectives, but also taking into account the satisfaction of customers and visitors of the shopping center. In addition, the certification result of our Chełm venture confirmed the perfect actual implementation of the project's development stage — says Tomasz Szewczyk, Managing Partner of Acteeum Central Europe.

#### Galeria Chełm

Galeria Chełm on the area of 17.5 thousand sqm. will offer 55 commercial premises and over 550 parking spaces. The plot on which the new shopping center will be located at the junction of Lubelska and Rejowiecka streets (also constituting the Chełm beltway), in the major transportation hub of the city. The Galeria Chełm's catchment area covers nearly 300,000 residents as well as the cross-border traffic with Ukraine and Belarus.

Among the tenants that will open their stores in Galeria Chełm are already such known brands as Lidl, CCC, SMYK, Rossmann, RTV Euro AGD, Martes Sport, Reserved, Sinsay, House, Cropp, home&you, DIVERSE, Pepco, Swiss, KiK, 4F, Ziaja, Esotique, Deichamann, Vision Express, Play, Orange, Komes money desk, Olimp and Deli Pizza restaurants or Księgarnie Świat Książki. The commercialization level had already, almost half a year before the grand opening, exceeded 95%.

Galeria Chełm opening is planned for the first quarter of 2020.

#### **ABOUT EQUILIS**

We are Equilis and we build.

We build stories.

We create places where people build the stories of their lives.

Love stories, business stories.

Happy stories.

EQUILIS was established by Carl Mestdagh in 2006 as a commercial property developer in the Belgian market. Today the firm develops and completes demanding projects in a broad spectrum – from commercial and residential real estate to offices, brownfield recovery, senior citizen or student housing, recreational facilities, parking spaces, cultural and public spaces. Altogether EQUILIS has built 271,000 m² and 832 residential units. Currently a further 215,000 m² and 2,004 residential units are under development.

EQUILIS covers all aspects and works and has diversified its activities and expanded its portfolio in the European market. EQUILIS has offices in Belgium, France, Spain, the Netherlands, Portugal, and Poland and recently also in Germany. You will find more information about EQUILIS and its projects under <a href="https://www.equilis.net">www.equilis.net</a>.

### **ABOUT ACTEEUM GROUP**

Acteeum Group is a privately owned international company operating on the commercial and residential real estate market in Poland, undertaking the entire development process, starting from selecting suitable plots for development through the stage of design, construction, commercialization, management and sale of facilities.

The Acteeum approach to projects is based on extensive experience and knowledge of the polish market and the development process. The company is a business partner of large institutional companies, including CBRE Global Investors, Immofinanz, NepiRockcastle, BPI, Equilis as well as private investors. Acteeum focuses on the development of large scale retail facilities and residential projects.

Acteeum manages a land portfolio and negotiates the purchase of further plots for the construction of shopping centers, retail parks, residential developments as well as mixed schemes. Further information about Acteeum and its projects at: <a href="https://www.acteeum.pl">www.acteeum.pl</a>.

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