

Finestrelles Shopping Centre opens with 103 spaces, upgrading the commercial offer in Barcelona.

- Alcampo, Decathlon, Zara, H&M, Mango, Media Markt and Duet Fit gym will be present at Esplugues de Llobregat mall
- The shopping centre, with an investment of 120 million euros, aims to receive 8,5 million yearly visits
- Being the first project in Spain by European developer Equilis, and their largest out of Belgium, it focuses on a new concept for shopping centres with an offer which is close to customers

Barcelona, 27 November 2018- Finestrelles Shopping Centre will be opening tomorrow with a commercial offer of 103 spaces with leader brands in fashion and restaurants, on a surface of 39.250 sqm. Located in Esplugues de Llobregat, the mall will attract more than 8,5 million yearly visitors from Barcelona and the region of Baix Llobregat.



An Alcampo hypermarket, a gym from the Duet Fit chain, Media Markt and a Decathlon store are the largest Finestrelles Shopping Centre flagships, counting also with various Inditex group brands such as Zara, Bershka, Pull & Bear and Oysho. Other fashion stores that will be opening are H&M, Mango, Kiabi and New Yorker amongst others. The offer for customers is completed with a large variety of restaurants amongst which we may find leaders such as McDonald's, La Tagliatella, KFC, Blue Frog, Dunkin Coffee and Starbucks.

"We have put much effort in achieving a varied and attractive commercial and restoration offer that is comfortable for our different customers at Finestrelles Shopping Centre", says Víctor M.Gómez, CEO of Equilis Spain, the Belgian developer group that has invested 120 million euros for the building of the mall. The economic impact is also important, since it will generate 1150 direct jobs, majorly for the Baix Llobregat region.

Excellent location

Finestrelles Shopping Centre is located in a privileged area, between one of the main entrances to Barcelona and the towns of Baix Llobregat. Within a 20 minutes radius, there are 21 municipalities with a potential demand above 2,5 mm people.

Situated in Can Vidalet of Esplugues de Llobregat, Finestrelles Shopping Centre is easily accessible with public transport as the Tram stops in Ca n'Oliveres, just in front of the entrance.

There are also public and private services on the catchment area that offer large potential client flows: university campuses in Diagonal, the Scientific Park of Barcelona, the Palau of Congresses of Catalunya, the Rey Juan Carlos I hotel, the Sant Joan de Déu hospital and the Barcelona Football Club premises.

It also includes a spacious parking of 1250 slots open 365 days/year, offering the first two hours for free.

An architectural space thought as an oasis within an urban environment



The project has considered every detail. The design reunites a vision of modernity with luminous open spaces, creating an oasis within an urban area.

The technical team is led by architect Íñigo Arnaiz, and is composed of 6 architects, 4 technical architects and 4 industrial engineers. Their space conception is enlarging a public space into a private environment, like the creation of a city within a building.

The building of the shopping centre had to overcome the level differences of the soil, which were more than 14 m., turning these into an opportunity by increasing the inside mobility into 3 different floors connected to the street exits.

The construction began at the end of 2016 and is now finished, almost two years after.

A unique sculpture, part of Finestrelles Shopping Centre

A sculpture by Carlos Albert named "Flight 2018" embellishes the mall, it's a unique piece of art that is already part of Finestrelles Shopping Centre. With the simple resounding of its composition it represents the essence of the project symbolizing growth.

Carlos Albert is part of the outstanding group of Spanish sculptors that use metal as their artistic main expression method. The result of it, as stated by the specialized critics, is a live projection of a tradition that with Albert becomes contemporary. Albert has participated in multiple shows and international exhibitions that have contributed to the awareness of his art, which is also formidable, as the one he has just prepared for the Outdoors Contemporary Museum "Art in the Forest" in Vietnam.

A Spanish reference for sustainability

Finestrelles Shopping Centre will be a reference for sustainability in Spain. “At Equilis we design the impact our buildings will have on the environment, from industrial areas recovery to the impact on the local economy”, says Víctor Gómez. Furthermore, he explains that the new space of Esplugues de Llobregat will enable an energy saving above the other shopping centres, it is being built with maximum sustainability level materials and will handle waste at CO₂ emissions below regular standards. It has also been designed to avoid architectural barriers.

The project will be awarded with BREEAM Certificate (Building Research Establishment’s Environmental), both for the building and for the management of its construction. Established by United Kingdom, it is the world’s longest established method of assessing, rating and certifying the sustainability of buildings.

The construction has already received the BREEAM certificate “Very Good”, assessing that during the process all environmental criteria have been followed.

Finestrelles Shopping Centre aims to be a trendy place where one can share good experiences such as a walk amongst the greatest fashion brands, a lunch or a dinner in one of its varied restaurants, or just a moment of entertainment with a large leisure offer. “We create places where people can build the stories of their lives”, comments Equilis Spanish CEO.

About Equilis

Equilis was founded in 2006 by Carl Mestdagh as a commercial real estate developer active in the Belgian market. Today, it develops and supports ambitious projects across a broad spectrum, from commercial and residential real estate, to offices, the rehabilitation of brownfields, residences for senior people or students, leisure sites, car parks, cultural and public spaces, ... In total, Equilis has built 250.000 m² and 757 housing units and is currently developing another 230.000 m² and 2.832 housing units.

Equilis covers all aspects and trades and has diversified its activities and enlarged its portfolio to cover the European market. Equilis has offices in Belgium, France, Spain, the Grand-Duchy of Luxemburg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Poland. New other countries will follow from 2019.

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