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# CITYZEN: IMMOBEL launches an architectural design competition for the Centre Monnaie

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*IMMOBEL and its partners Whitewood and DW Partners are launching an international architectural design competition under the leadership of the Bouwmeester Maître Architecte (BMA) [Chief Architect] of Brussels. This call for entries marks the starting point for the development of the Centre Monnaie, a key building in the city centre.*

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Last May, Cityzen Residence SA, Cityzen Office SA and Cityzen Hotel SA, companies controlled by Whitewood, DW Partners and IMMOBEL, signed the deed of purchase for the Centre Monnaie. The logical consequence of this important transaction is the launch of the architectural design competition for the 62,000 m<sup>2</sup> space above The MINT shopping centre.

### **An international project**

The partners in this very large urban regeneration project have already announced that they intend to convert the building into a mixed complex of dwellings, offices and a hotel by 2024. A gigantic real-estate operation which IMMOBEL, Whitewood and DW Partners wish to endow with an international and strategic dimension through an ambitious and exceptionally high-quality refurbishment. The building is currently occupied by the city of Brussels, which is due to relocate to the Brucity building in early 2022, and Bpost, whose departure is scheduled for the first quarter of 2021.

### **A competition for a ground-breaking, sustainable refurbishment**

The call for entries concerns the architectural design for the redevelopment of the largest part of the Centre Monnaie. The major portion of the underground car park and the multi-storey shopping centre belong to other owners. The design work will take place as a joint collaboration between the team including the architectural firms DDS+ and ADE, who are responsible for implementing the project. According to the timetable for this operation, a shortlist of five candidates will be announced at the end of October, before a final decision on the firm to be appointed is taken by mid-February 2020.



Further details on the entry submission procedures are available on [the BMA of Brussels website](#).



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