

**Press Release** 

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# AG Real Estate France signs an off-plan lease with Bayer HealthCare on the METRONOM building in Lille

A Bail en état futur d'achèvement (off-plan lease) for a fixed term of 6 years has been signed between AG Real Estate France and Bayer Healthcare – Bayer group's healthcare hub in France – for a surface area of around 2,500 m<sup>2</sup>.

The Pharmaceuticals division of Bayer France would like to move into its new premises when the Métronom building is completed in February 2024.

Located right at the heart of the city, the 8,100 m<sup>2</sup> office building known as Métronom is a perfect fit for Lille's Saint-Sauveur neighbourhood, where the mixed and dynamic urban environment meets the requirements of companies with a desire to combine accessibility, local services, and neighbourhood life. This restructuring of an existing 10-storey tower that will sit upon a new building at the heart of the block and include green spaces, is nicely aligned with the transformation and redefinition of this attractive, socially mixed, and sustainable neighbourhood.

Developed by Becity, a subsidiary of the BECI Group, which sold it off-plan to the AG Real Estate France group, the future building was designed according to current environmental standards and allows Bayer Healthcare to make an active contribution to solving environmental challenges (BREEAM Very Good certification) and societal challenges (Well and Wired Score Silver certifications).

Métronom will have numerous terraces and outdoor spaces with a total surface area of 380 m<sup>2</sup> and a 125 m<sup>2</sup> rooftop offering an exceptional view of Lille city centre. The development also includes a business (brasserie) on the ground floor of the building, opening onto Jean-Baptiste Lebas park. "We're delighted to support the Bayer Healthcare team as the first user of this ambitious project. A little less than a year before the completion of Métronom, the fact that a globally recognised name like Bayer has signed is proof of the quality of office space that we offer on the Lille market. It also confirms that the building meets companies' current expectations." explained Thibault Delamain, Director General, Head of Investment & Asset Management at AG Real Estate France.

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#### Key figures

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