

Equilis - Press release – Finestrelles Shopping Centre Presentation

Finestrelles Shopping Centre finalising the opening of it's 120 investment project.

- The mall in Esplugues de Llobregat will be opening by end November 2018.
- The new premises, that will generate 1,500 jobs, expected to receive 8mm visitors during the first year.
- The first project in Spain for developer Equilis will be an open and luminous mall of 40.000 sqm. And will offer a wide commercial range.



Barcelona, 27 June 2018.-: Developer **Equilis** has invested 120 mm euros on the construction of **Finestrelles Shopping Centre**, the mall at Esplugues de Llobregat that will be opening by end November. **Finestrelles Shopping Centre** will have a wide of shops and leisure on its 39.250 sqm. distributed in 110 spaces on three floors. It is the first project of the Belgian company in Spain.

New **Finestrelles Shopping Centre** wants to be the oases within the urban landscape and expects to attract eight million people during the first opening year. Since the construction began 1.000 jobs have been created both direct and indirect. "This amount will increase in 500 once **strelles Shopping Centre** is opened" says Victor Gómez, CEO of **Equilis** in Spain, who adds that an agreement has been reached with the Esplugues de Llobregat Council for an employment pool to prioritize local neighbours.

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 21 municipalities with a potential demand above 2,5 mm people. Situated in Can Vidalet of Esplugues de Llobregat, two tunnels have been designed to facilitate direct accesses into and out of the mall: the access to the parking is from Laureà Miró (N-340) and connects with exit number 12 of highway Ronda de Dalt, whilst the second tunnel directs to Ronda de Dalt and Avenida Diagonal. This communication enables access for private vehicles into the two-floor parking with 1.250 slots. There is also a great accessibility with public transport, with the tram stop in Ca n'Oliveres, situated just in front of the entrance to the shopping centre. There are also public and private services on the catchment area the offer large potential client flows: university campuses in Diagonal, the Scientific Park of Barcelona, the Palau de Congresses of Catalunya, and Rey Juan Carlos I hotel, the Sant Joan de Déu hospital and the Barcelona Football Club premises.

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 regarding the environment, both for industrial areas recovery and 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 rest of shopping centres, it is being built with maximum sustainability level materials and will handle waste al 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.

Previous to this, the construction has already received the provisional BREEAM certificate, assessing that during the process all environmental criteria have been followed.

Finestrelles Shopping Centre aims to be a place in which to 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. “This is a new commercial centre concept that combines modernity with luminous spaces that are open to enable an extension of the public space on the private location, similar to the creation of a city within a building”, he adds.

60 fashion brands, varied restoration and a gym

New **Finestrelles Shopping Centre** will count with 69 fashion brands such as Zara, Zara, Berska, Pull & Bear, Oysho, H&M, Mango, Kiabi or Decathlon, amongst others. It will also count with Alcampo hypermarket – with a total 4.200 sqm. and a Duet Fit gym. The offer will be completed with a wide variety of restaurants that occupy a space of 2.200 sqm., with brands such as McDonald’s, La Tagliatella, KFC, Blue Frog, Dunkin Coffee or Starbucks, amongst others.

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 577 housing units and is currently developing another 125.000 m² and 2.109 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 2018.

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