

International competition for architects regarding the Montparnasse Tower: 7 candidates selected for the second round.

Following a Board meeting, the elected representatives of the co-owners of the Montparnasse Tower have pre-selected 7 architects – 3 French and 4 International:

ARCHITECTURE STUDIO – France
DOMINIQUE PERRAULT ARCHITECTURE – France
MAD ARCHITECTS – China (in partnership with DGLA)
nAOM (Franklin Azzi Architecture / Chartier Dalix / Hardel-Lebihan Architectes) – France
OMA – Holland
PLP ARCHITECTURE – UK
STUDIO GANG – US

A first step of the way.

7 architects selected from over 700 interested candidates from all over the world will now compete for the second stage of the tender following the kick-off of the international competition last June. The agencies, made-up of multi-disciplinary teams, now need to come up with a project that is capable of giving a powerful, innovative, dynamic and ambitious new identity to the famous Parisian landmark, whilst integrating the challenges of usage, comfort and energy performance to the highest levels, in their proposals.

The entire project is estimated at a cost of over 300M€, **funded 100% privately**, by the co-owners of the Montparnasse Tower.

At the Board Meeting, the representatives for the Tower co-owners were unanimous in their praise of the 7 candidates: *«the 7 agencies were selected for their reliability, expertise, audacity and their understanding of the challenges we face.»* commented one stakeholder.

Heading towards a winner for the summer of 2017.

The second stage of the international competition is under way. The 7 candidates will submit their proposals in March 2017. A 3rd stage will challenge the last 2 finalists before the designation of the winner in July 2017. The work is due to start in 2019 and be delivered over the course of 2023.

Jean-Louis Missika, deputy to the Mayor of Paris, in charge of urban planning, architecture and economic development for the Greater Paris project, said *«We are delighted with this varied and audacious selection of architects which promises a great diversity of ideas, approaches and innovations for the transformation of the Montparnasse Tower, the initial stage in the renovation of the whole area.»*

The competition: the first keystone of a flagship project, Demain Montparnasse.

With an ultimate objective of the complete renovation of the Montparnasse Tower, the competition is only the first building-block in a much larger project, still to be completely defined, but which aims to restore the surrounding property's role as a modern and accessible urban centre in the heart of Paris's left bank.

More information at www.demain-montparnasse.com



About EITMM

The Ensemble Immobilier Tour Maine-Montparnasse (EITMM) is one of the most important private commercial real estate co-ownerships in Europe. It is organized into five homeowners associations (one primary association and one secondary association by building) with around 300 owners and 450 company occupants. The EITMM is spread out over a total of 2.5 hectares in central Paris. It consists of four buildings: the Montparnasse Tower, the shopping mall, the CIT Tower and an office building.

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