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Hines, Pickard Chilton Celebrate Topping-Out of Le Coeur in Düsseldorf

*Adaptive Reuse and Historic Preservation Anchor
New Sustainable Landmark on Düsseldorf's Königsallee*

(New Haven, Conn. – June 4, 2025) – [Pickard Chilton](#), an award-winning architecture studio best known for its innovative and cutting-edge design of corporate headquarters and commercial projects, joins Hines and project partners in celebrating the topping-out of [Le Coeur](#), a next-generation office and retail destination in the heart of Düsseldorf's prestigious Königsallee boulevard.

As Design Architect, Pickard Chilton collaborated with RKW Architektur + as the Executive Architect, to reimagine the site of the former Commerzbank and Dresdener Bank headquarters as a contemporary development that brings together over 42,000 m2 (450,000 sf) of best-in-class office, retail shops, and restaurants. The name Le Coeur – French for 'The Heart' — reflects both its location at the center of one of Germany's most prestigious shopping streets and its architectural design, which places openness, connectivity, and human experience at its core.



“Le Coeur is a compelling example of how thoughtful architecture can reconcile historic context with bold, future-facing design,” said William Chilton, FAIA RIBA, Principal at Pickard Chilton. “We’re honored to work with Hines to create a building that embraces its surroundings while offering an entirely new pedestrian and urban experience for Düsseldorf.”

In contrast to the rigid form of the previous structures, Le Coeur features gently curved volumes, open corners, and a series of fluid interconnections that invite people through the building via a central courtyard. This urban gesture not only enhances connectivity but also enriches the public realm along Königsallee.



More than 40 percent of the development consists of the adaptive re-use and re-cladding of the original structure, significantly reducing the project’s embodied carbon. Key historic elements – including the monumental stone façade from the 1907 Commerzbank building – have been thoughtfully preserved and reintegrated. The project has already been awarded a DGNB Platinum pre-certificate and Smartscore certification, contributing to its advanced sustainability profile.

Upon completion in 2026, Le Coeur will serve as the new home for leading global tenants including Clifford Chance, Freshfields, and Noerr, and will stand as a model for sustainable urban transformation in one of Europe’s premier business districts.

ABOUT PICKARD CHILTON

Pickard Chilton is an international architectural practice noted for its expertise in the design of large, complex, and often high-profile buildings including corporate headquarters, high-rise commercial office and multi-family towers, hotels, and academic and life science facilities. The firm’s layered perspective informs all of its work, presenting clients with a sophisticated, knowledge-based approach that emphasizes design vision, placemaking, integrity, a focus on client objectives, and exceptional service. Since 2006, projects totaling over 80 million square feet have been designated or targeted LEED Gold or Platinum, representing corporate, commercial, residential, and

institutional buildings in design, under construction, or completed – one of the highest amounts in the United States. Headquartered in New Haven, Conn., the firm's recent completed projects include the Tokyo Midtown Yaesu tower in Tokyo, Japan; T3 RiNo in Denver, Co.; The Eight in Bellevue, Wa.; and, 325 Main, Google's new headquarters in Cambridge, Ma. Current projects include The RO development in Houston, Tx.; CoStar Group's new corporate campus in Richmond, Va.; 530 Howard Street in San Francisco; Sherwin-Williams's new headquarters in Cleveland, Oh.; Northwestern Mutual's North Office Building in Milwaukee, Wi; Mutual of Omaha's new headquarters in Omaha, Ne;. and Linkpillar 1 at Takanawa Gateway City in Tokyo, Japan; as well as commercial and residential developments in Austin, Atlanta, Dallas, Denver, Houston, San Francisco, and Stuttgart, Germany. Please visit www.pickardchilton.com for more information.