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Manhattan is the first building to be awarded the AirScore Platinum rating in continental Europe

Brussels, 1 June 2021- Manhattan is the first building in Continental Europe to receive an AirScore, as well as being the first in to receive the “Platinum AirScore” – the highest rate of AirRated certification. With this certification, Manhattan is setting a new standard for Indoor Air Quality.

The rating has been awarded by AirRated, the global benchmark for Indoor Air Quality in the built environment. The AirScore Platinum rating is an exceptional achievement – in the UK only 5% of all buildings receive this classification.

Manhattan is a full-service office complex located in the heart of the Brussels city centre (Rogier). It has been recently refurbished, designed with a forward-thinking approach and with tenants’ wellbeing and safety at the forefront.

Erik Moresco, CEO of Icon Real Estate, underlined the importance of this achievement: “Indoor Air Quality already, which was already a very important point for us pre-pandemic, is a crucial concern in the post pandemic world. It is a fundamental aspect of a safe and reassuring return to the office We are proud to have achieved the highest possible accreditation, which demonstrates our will to answer tenants’ needs”.

According to **Francesca Brady, CEO of AirRated**, “Manhattan has set the new standard for business environments in continental Europe. The Platinum AirScore D&O achieved by Manhattan is the result of a “bigger picture’ approach to healthy building design. This is a project that goes beyond minimum best practice standards; aiming to deliver a future-proof, resilient building not only to changing physical climates - the climate crisis - but also health crises like the current pandemic.”

Using the latest sensor technology, AirRated monitors specific parameters for Indoor Air Quality and then grades it based on leading medical research and industry best practice. Manhattan has scored more than 90% of the possible credits across six parameters: particulate matter, carbon dioxide, VOCs¹, temperature, humidity, and inorganic gases.

¹ Volatile Organic Compounds

About Icon Real Estate

Icon Real Estate is a real estate company leader in the European market. Innovative and tenant-focused, the company has delivered a collection of more than 300,000 sqm of prime office real estate. Icon creates high-quality environments in close cooperation with its development partners and local government bodies that enhance the area and support local jobs and skills for the people who work, visit or live around its buildings.

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About the Manhattan Brussels building

Manhattan, located in the heart of the Brussels city centre (Rogier), has set a new standard for office buildings in Brussels. The forward-thinking building has been designed with people in mind. It delivers an outstanding work environment in the heart of the new CBD, with a unique ecosystem of amenities and services. The building has four food and beverage offerings, four separate fitness amenities, a meeting center and an auditorium to cover all tenant requirements. Accessibility is unparalleled with metro access within the building, bike parking, a car park with e-parking facilities and a prominent location on the inner ring road. Sustainability is a crucial aspect of the newly renovated Manhattan with the building rated BREEAM Excellent, EPB-A and AirScore D&O Platinum.

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