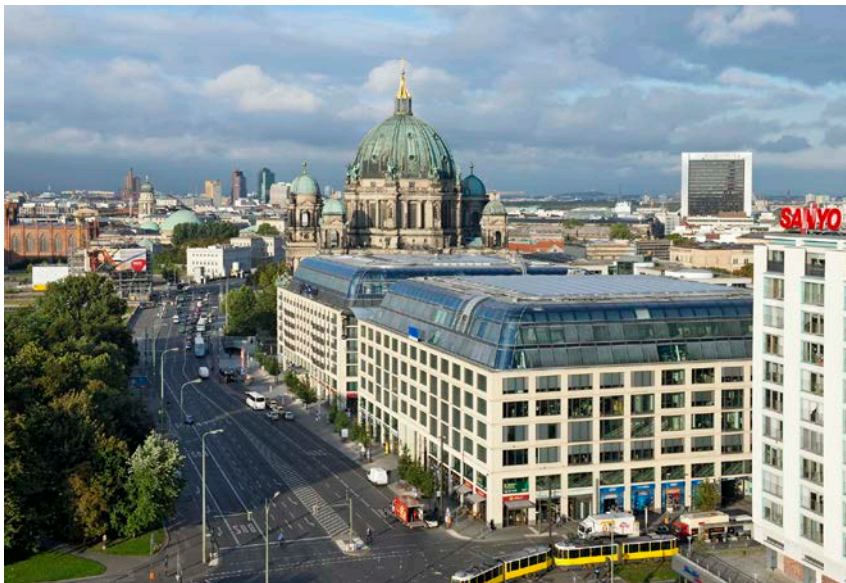


Sustainable urban ensembles

DomAquaree awarded Silver DGNB certificate

Following a certification phase lasting around a year, Union Investment Real Estate GmbH has been awarded a sustainability certificate in "Silver" for its DomAquaree ensemble by the German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB). DomAquaree is one of the first urban ensembles in Germany to be recognised in this way. The presentation took place at EXPO REAL in Munich. The ensemble proved compelling in terms of ecological, economic, sociocultural/functional, technical and process quality, achieving the highest possible ratings for space efficiency and the incorporation of architectural art.



As with the rating system for individual buildings, the DGNB looks at the eco-balance of a development. DomAquaree, which is located in the heart of Berlin, performed particularly well on "economic quality". The highly efficient use of space and the way the CityQuartier has successfully created value for the German capital through the revenues associated with its mix of office space, a hotel, shops, restaurants/cafés and apartments were major contributory factors here.



When evaluating urban developments, the DGNB focuses on the space between buildings within an ensemble, such as access routes and green space. With regard to sociocultural and functional quality, the DGNB highlighted the variety of art in public spaces at DomAquaree together with the development's good integration into its wider area and the treatment of the surroundings, the positive visitor experience, the mostly barrier-free design and subjective safety. Constraints affecting the

development of the buildings within an ensemble figure prominently in the DGNB's assessment. The Silver certification takes into account the excellent pedestrian and public transport infrastructure at DomAquaree.

DomAquaree opened in 2004 and forms part of the portfolio of the Unilmmo: Deutschland open-ended real estate fund.

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