

Press Release

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Innovation and sustainability at the heart of CFE's new strategy to build the world of tomorrow.

Today, September 20th 2022, the multidisciplinary group CFE reveals its new mission: We bring people, skills, materials and technology together in a community of change for good. As such CFE puts sustainability, innovation and excellence for its customers at the heart of its strategy. This new mission is the result of a strategic repositioning process which has also given rise to a new visual identity shared by all its entities.

Integrated solutions as an answer to societal challenges.

Climate change, energy crisis, access to affordable and qualitative housing, lack of resources, pollution, waste management, mobility, accessibility, health and well-being. Those are the societal and environmental challenges CFE group wants to tackle.

“When you’re active in an industry that shapes tomorrow’s world for decades to come, you are responsible for taking care of our future generations. We have to dare and change what isn’t sustainable.”

It’s with these words that Raymund Trost, CEO and president of the Executive Committee of CFE Group, group active in real estate development, multitechnics, construction and renovation and sustainable investments, starts the presentation of CFE’s new mission. The company is fully engaged to provide an answer to some of the most pressing challenges our current society is faced with.

Reinventing the way to create value.

By putting innovation and sustainability at the heart of its strategy, CFE is looking to reinvent, together with its employees, clients and partners, the way how it creates value.

“We are truly convinced that profit can go hand in hand with the well-being of the planet and people. We want to share this new ambition with the whole wide world as our community is infinite. Together there is no limit to what we can accomplish” Raymond Trost concludes.

Community for positive change.

With its activity sectors spread out over sustainable buildings, intelligent industries and tomorrow’s mobility infrastructures, the company is looking to make use of joining the forces of its different entities. *“CFE holds a unique position. By combining our different teams, their skills and their technological know-how, we can offer integrated solutions for challenges that very often prove to be*

very complex” Raymund Trost explains. By bringing people, skills, technology and materials together in one community, CFE can create a positive change.

The reinforced collaboration between its different activity poles is reflected in its new visual identity that will be used by the entire group.

Wood Hub: putting theory into practice.

Wood Hub, the new head office of the group will be finished by autumn 2023 and is the tangible result of this mission. The construction of this intelligent building connected to alternative modes of transport located in the heart of Auderghem, is the result of combining the skills of CFE’s different entities. **BPI Real Estate** oversees its development, **BPC Group** and **Wood Shapers** take the lead of the construction works, **Benelmat** is in charge of material solutions and **VMA** takes care of the special techniques and the “Smart Building” software **VMANAGER**, which makes it possible to exploit the data from all the technical installations to improve and optimize energy consumption and user comfort.

“Wood Hub will prove that combining our different areas of expertise creates a significant added value. We want this philosophy of synergy to be part of each project we embark on. From The ZIN building and Usquare building in Brussels to the ZNA Cadix hospital in Antwerp, we want our work to resist the ravages of time” says Raymund Trost.

The result will be a building symbolising the future that shows what we can already accomplish today. Next to the BREEAM Outstanding and WELL Platinum certification, it will adhere to the Nearly Zero Energy Building standard as it will be heated and cooled through geothermal techniques and heat pumps in combination with a solar panel system of 120 kW. Moreover, the innovating hybrid structure combining wood and concrete allows to save approximately 14% of CO₂ compared to a traditional building.

About CFE:

CFE is a multidisciplinary active in Belgium, Luxembourg and Poland in four activity sectors with a significant potential of growth thanks to the possibility of shaping tomorrow’s world: real estate development, multitechnics, construction & renovation and sustainable investments. With a solid turnover of 1.125 million euros, more than 3100 employees and substantial experience and expertise gathered since its foundation in 1880, CFE has the ambition to challenge the status quo and create positive change by providing a successful answer to environmental and societal challenges to ensure the well-being of the future generations. CFE group realises this ambition by putting sustainability, innovation and respect for its employees at the heart of its strategy and by offering their clients end-to-end solutions.

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