

Iso Omena extension to receive a LEED® Platinum certificate

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The Iso Omena shopping centre has been awarded a LEED® Platinum certificate for its extension that will open to the public in August. Platinum is the highest rating level within the environmental certification system. It is awarded to properties with superior energy, material and water efficiency and high indoor air quality.



Iso Omena is located at a prime spot in a densely built urban area in Matinkylä, Espoo in the Helsinki Metropolitan Area. It is served by excellent connections – there is a metro station and a bus terminal for feeder traffic located under the shopping centre. This makes Iso Omena easily accessible via public transport.

The property's energy efficiency is excellent, thanks to for example LED lights and demand-controlled ventilation. Iso Omena is furnished with water-efficient equipment and low-emitting surface materials. Local products featured heavily in the selection of building materials, and the recycling rate of construction waste came to about 90 per cent. Furthermore, the shopping centre offers comprehensive recycling facilities for household waste with reception points for many waste fractions. Iso Omena will also have one of the largest green roofs in Finland, covering a total area of approximately 700 sqm.

“We took the requirements of the LEED® Platinum certificate into account from early on, starting at the project's design phase. Environmental efficiency is an important starting point for all Citycon's property development projects”, says Risto Seppo, Property Development Director at Citycon.

Iso Omena is among the first European shopping centres to receive a LEED® Platinum certificate. Before this, a platinum-level certificate has been awarded to two shopping centres in Finland and two in other Nordic countries. One of these is Liljeholmstorget Galleria in Stockholm, also owned by Citycon. There are no LEED® Platinum-certified shopping centres in other European countries yet.

The international LEED certification system (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) assesses spaces, buildings and construction projects for their environmental qualities. The certificates are awarded and monitored by the independent Green Building Business Certification Institute.

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