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In its willingness to consolidate its position as a major player on the Belgian real estate market, BESIX RED announces that Raphaël LEGENDRE has been appointed COUNTRY DIRECTOR BELGIUM since May 4, 2020.

He will be in charge of residential, tertiary, commercial and service real estate development throughout the country and will be responsible for consolidating BESIX RED's development strategy in Belgium, based on the matrix organization set up a year ago.

Today, with its pan-European dimension, BESIX Real Estate Development (BESIX RED) continues to promote its Belgian roots, considered essential to its development strategy. The developer intends to maintain sustained growth in its domestic territory, which constitutes one of the solid bases of its activities.

«*The appointment of Raphaël as Director of Belgium demonstrates our wish to consolidate and moreover give a fresh momentum to our development policy in Belgium*», advises Gabriel UZGEN, CEO BESIX RED. «His background and experience in the development of multifunctional urban projects is a considerable asset for BESIX RED, who is nowadays a developer of large-scale projects, symbolizing the architectural quality and know-how of BESIX Group», continues Gabriel UZGEN.

As Director of Belgium, Raphaël LEGENDRE's ambition is to capitalize on the company's operational excellence and strong expertise of more than 30 years in order to extend the spectrum of its activities even more in the 3 regions.

Sharing the developer's vision and its human-centred approach, he intends to respond to the challenge of revitalizing and reconnecting neighbourhoods. «*The future of the city lies in quality. Obviously architectural quality, but also of the proposed programmes, public spaces, air quality and the environment. Our real estate projects must bring added value to the neighbourhoods in which they are located, both for our occupants and for the residents and users of the city as a whole,*» insists the new Country Director of Belgium.

Engineering graduate of the Ecole Centrale de Lille, Raphaël LEGENDRE started his career in 2007 as a civil engineer at Bouygues Construction in Paris, where he was mainly active at the Bouygues Telecom Technopole site in Meudon. In 2009, he moved to Belgium and became familiar with the real estate sector as Design & Build Project Manager (DBFM) at CIT Blaton.

From 2012 to 2018, he was Project Manager at BESIX RED Belgium, where he was responsible for the coordination and management of

real estate developments. In 2018, he joined IMMOBEL Group where he perfected his expertise in mixed urban developments with projects such as SNCB Fonsny (210,000 sqm), Lebeau (40,000 sqm) and Cours-Saint-Michel, before returning to BESIX RED in 2020 as Country Director Belgium.

With more than 600,000 sqm under development, BESIX RED has almost thirty projects in progress and close to 475,000 sqm under development across Belgium.

A balanced and constantly evolving portfolio the developer wants to maintain, despite the current context: «*Today even more so, we remain open to any opportunity that may arise. Whether through a partnership or a direct acquisition. In the words of Winston Churchill: 'Never let a crisis go to waste'. We keep an eye out for any real estate transaction in line with our philosophy,*» concludes Gabriel UZGEN.