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### Business Newsletter

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## **Unirii View greens downtown Bucharest as construction works advance**



Unirii View, the 18,000 m<sup>2</sup> office tower developed by Belgian investor Yves Weerts in downtown Bucharest, is advancing steadily and the underground works are expected to be finalized in Q2 2017. The building targets the Excellent ranking under the new BREEAM 2016 sustainability regulations, being the first project in Romania to register for certification under the new, stricter assessment methodology.

The construction works for Unirii View started in October 2016 and are expected to be finalized in the second quarter of 2018. At present, works on special foundations are nearing completion, with slurry walls and piling already completed and the general excavation works well underway. The construction of the underground parking, representing the first phase of the development process, will continue in the next three 3 months and the building is expected to reach ground zero in July. The general contractor appointed for the works is Bog'Art, one of the most reputable and timely constructors in Bucharest.

Boasting a strategic location on Corneliu Coposu Boulevard, 3 minutes away from Unirii Square, Unirii View has a total built area of 26,880 m<sup>2</sup> and a total leasable area of approximately 18,000 m<sup>2</sup>. The building comprises 19 upper floors, including the ground floor, 17 office floors and a mechanical penthouse, plus 3 underground parking levels. Upon completion, Unirii View will dominate downtown Bucharest, being among the tallest and greenest office buildings in Bucharest. The total investment is estimated at approximately 33 million euro.

The key advantage of the project consists of its strategic location in Unirii Square, the largest commercial area and main transport hub of Bucharest, which ensures excellent access to public transport and a myriad of amenities – all representing key premises during the sustainability assessment. The building is served by Unirii View metro station, 4 tram lines, 9 bus lines and 1 airport express line connecting Unirii View with virtually all areas in the city. To complete the picture, over 300 parking spaces will be assigned to the users of the building (168 spots in-house, plus 150 assigned spots in Unirea Shopping Center parking, with options to extend).

Speedwell SRL, the development company, managed by Belgian Didier Balcaen, in charge of management of the Unirii View project is also developing several projects throughout Romania, such as a two 210 apartment residential developments in the North and East side of Bucharest, a mixed 270 apartments and 16.000m<sup>2</sup> office development in Cluj-Napoca and a two 10Ha mixed Residential & Retail developments in Râmnicu Vâlcea and Galați.

Source: <http://www.nineoclock.ro/>

## **Queen Elisabeth Competition open for cellists for the first time**



Queen Elisabeth Competition will take place this May in Brussels, in Flagey and Bozar theater halls. In February an international jury has screened the videos of no fewer than 202 applicants, sent from all over the world! Chaired by Arie Van Lysebeth, the jury was composed of Henri Demarquette, Roel Dieltiens, Marie Hallynck, Frans Helmerson and Pieter Wispelwey.

70 candidates have been admitted to the first public round, which starts on 8 May at Flagey in Brussels. 21 women and 49 men are expected to compete, representing 22 different nationalities.

The first public round is a recital, solo or accompanied this time by piano and by a second cello in a Boccherini sonata. The semi-final includes a recital and a concerto by Boccherini or Haydn, accompanied by the Orchestre Royal de Chambre de Wallonie and Frank Braley.

Before the final, the twelve finalists will move to the seclusion of the Queen Elisabeth Music Chapel, where they will have a week to study, without outside assistance, a compulsory work specially composed for this competition. In the final, each will play that piece, as well as a major concerto of their choice from the not inconsiderable cello repertoire, in which they are accompanied by the Brussels Philharmonic under the baton of its music director Stéphane Denève.

In line with Queen Elisabeth Competition tradition, every round will be judged by an eminent jury whose members, of varied backgrounds, will mark the candidates in complete independence, without any consultation. The members of the jury will be announced just before the public rounds.

Source: <http://imkeb.be/cgi?lg=en&pag=1677>

## **Two Belgians create the first external multifunctional battery for laptops**



Nancy and Quentin, a Belgian couple, created together the first external multifunctional battery for laptops. This 9mm thick battery is called "Line Dock" and has all the conventional adapters. Notice to those who need a battery with maximum autonomy, Line Dock will be available in June 2017.

Do you travel a lot? Does your laptop often breaks down in locations with no power outlets? Two Belgians have found the solution! Thanks to Line Dock, you can walk around without carrying a multitude of adapters to connect various peripherals to your laptop. In fact, not only does this portable battery have a USB-C port but also all conventional adapters (HDMI, USB, MiniDisplay, SD card reader, etc.), and four wireless charging ports for your mobile terminals.

Imagine a support that offers up to 1 terabyte of extra storage and 15 additional hours to your battery life on your laptop - all in a 9mm slab that you slip under your computer to charge it. For this creation, Nancy and Quentin hoped to raise \$50,000 in funding. Instead, they received \$250,000! This demonstrates the interest of the general public in this new idea.

Source: <http://focusonbelgium.be/en/business/two-belgians-create-first-external-multifunctional-battery-laptops>

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02/05/2017: Boardmeeting ADR-Vlaanderen, Sint-Niklaas, 19h30. More info: [info@adrvlaanderen.be](mailto:info@adrvlaanderen.be)\*

06/05/2017: Murgęsticomitę of Kasterlee, 'World feast' in Tielen, KLJ-lokaal, Kerkstraat 160, organized by 'Solidarity council' of Kasterlee. Info: [jefvanmeerbergen@yahoo.com](mailto:jefvanmeerbergen@yahoo.com)\*

06/05/2017: Flemish – Romanian feast, Ter Krokegem, Asse, 18h00 – 00h00, € 5 to participate, organized by community of Asse and AMORO (Asse-Merchtem-Opwijk-Roemenię). More info: [jeanpaul.vanderelst@gmail.com](mailto:jeanpaul.vanderelst@gmail.com)\*

06/05/2017: Celebration of 10 years ADAM Moldovița, Saturday May 6, 10h00, Moldovița 336. A delegation of 12 members of 'Dorp voor een dorp – Kruibeke/Moldovița' will be present as well as ADR and TON. More info: [hichemihaela@yahoo.com](mailto:hichemihaela@yahoo.com) and [leo.nys@moldovita.be](mailto:leo.nys@moldovita.be)\*

07/05/2017: Breakfast, simultaneous in Zoersel and Crucea, 09h00 – 12h00; € 12/p for adults, € 6/p for children. Info: Coppens Paul, +32-3-38.32.028, [coppenspaul@telenet.be](mailto:coppenspaul@telenet.be) and Lootvoet Ivan, +32-3-38.32.498, [Ivan.lootvoet@pandora.be](mailto:Ivan.lootvoet@pandora.be)\*

08/05/2017: Info moment 'Bicycle sponsor trips homecare', i-fitness, Turnhoutsebaan 220 – 2400 Mol, 20h15 – 22h00. More info: <http://www.adrvlaanderen.be/the-open-network/fietssponsortocht-9-19-juni-2017/> or [info@adrvlaanderen.be](mailto:info@adrvlaanderen.be)\*

**09/02/2017: Belgium at the European Film Festival – "Lucifer" (2014) directed by Gust Van den Berghe will be screened in Bucharest, Centrul ceh at 20:30.** More info on the film and programme of the festival at: <http://ffe.ro/2017/programfilme/lucifer>\*

10/05/2017: Regional meeting ADR-Kempen: Oud gemeentehuis, Vaartstraat 29 - 2490 Balen, between 20h00 – 22h00; More info: [info@adrvlaanderen.be](mailto:info@adrvlaanderen.be)\*

17/05/2017: Regional meeting ADR - East-Flanders: Parochiezaal Teralfene, Balleistraat 20, Affligem; 20h00 – 22h00; More info: [info@adrvlaanderen.be](mailto:info@adrvlaanderen.be)\*