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Swiss Central City Real Estate Fund – Sustainably renovated small apartments in Luisenstrasse in Zurich's 5th district fully let

The Swiss Central City Real Estate Fund (SIX Swiss Exchange: CITY) successfully fully let the property at Luisenstrasse 40 in Zurich's popular 5th district before completion of the renovation work in April 2023. The property now consists of 20 small apartments with a floor space of between 26 m² and 36 m². The restaurant operator "Cucina" already opened the restaurant for its guests at the end of January 2023. The conversion also increased the rental income potential of the property from CHF 0.3 million to CHF 0.7 million.

The newly built lift in the stairwell, the high-quality furnishings and the added balconies have contributed to positioning the apartments in line with market requirements. The property, which is affectionately called "Luisa", is convincing with its central location, spacious rooftop terrace for the tenants with views of Zurich's skyline, and its proximity to the nightlife and the Zurich catering scene. The offer met with great interest at an early stage.

Sustainable refurbishment

With the reconstruction, small apartments were realised in order to meet the demand for dense, urban living spaces in a central location. An energy-efficient renovation, including new wood and metal windows, roof insulation and replacement of the existing gas heating system with district heating, was implemented. In addition to modernising the interior, both the energy quality of the building and residents' well-being are improved. The structure is preserved and the grey energy is reduced compared to a replacement and new-build.

Christoph Bopp, Head of Development & Construction, explains: "During the renovation project at Luisenstrasse 40 in 8005 Zurich, a clever floor plan made it possible to double the number of apartments, install a lift and at the same time preserve most of the existing supporting structure, including the wooden beams on the ceiling. The renovated property is convincing with compact and excellently equipped apartments that meet all the requirements of modern tenants."

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Swiss Central City Real Estate Fund

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