

## Press release

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## Renovation of EMKE office building is soon to begin



The landmark EMKE\* office building located in Budapest, will soon undergo an extensive renovation program. AEW Europe, the Asset Manager, has appointed Lab5 architects to restructure and modernize all common areas as well as technical installations. The interior design project will focus on light, space and green features, to create a professional, stimulating and inviting environment. Lab5 architects have decided to take advantage of the building's existing strengths, such as natural light, to create a new entrance opening up onto a wide and sunny atrium, with easy access to panoramic elevators. Spectacular architectural elements will be added, such as elevated trees in the atrium, which will make the

space a unique architectural project in the city. A quality café will open next to the lobby, not only adding a nice and resting area within the building, but also creating additional possibilities to hold business meetings in a comfortable environment. The existing cafeteria will be improved to meet tomorrow's expectations of services in a prime class A office building.

All technical installations will be upgraded with a view to saving energy and maximizing tenants' comfort.

Works in the lobby have already started and should be completed in the first half of 2013. Office floors will be renovated per phases in the course of 2013, with latest technologies and built-to-suit solutions for incoming tenants.

Gardiner&Theobald has been appointed as project manager for the entire program and Robertson office is the leasing agent for the building.

\*EMKE Building, Rákóczi út 42, Budapest, 1072

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