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SHIFT 54 LONDRES

Paris, France

Developer: Meag Munich Ergo Architect: Axel Schoenert Architectes Other: Spaces (User), Legendre (General contractor) Zsofia Varnagy (Interior architect)

The Shift 54 Londres has been completely redesigned and renovated to make it modern, innovative and functional, while respecting its urban environment and its history. Axel Schoenert architectes proposed for each of the three buildings a different approach, according to their respective typology: a building of 1930, a mansion of 1840 and a former stable of the 19th century. This resulted in the completion of a new building, and the renovation and heavy restructuring of two historic buildings. The main challenges have been to harmonise the spaces that until then were fragmented by a succession of different architectural and historical sequences.

Torre Europa Madrid, Spain

Developer: Infinorsa Architect: CallisonRTKL, LKS Other: LKS, Cesar Herrera (CHC), Aguilleria Ingenieros, Bovis, BSH, INASUS, Bellapart, JMM, Laguna Belvis, Engle, Arup, ENAR, Acerinox

Constructed in 1985 in the heart of Madrid's business district, the 120-metre high Torre Europa is a beacon for global business in Spain. Its refurbishment was triggered by KPMG's move from the building, and when work began the tower had a 40% vacancy. The tower needed to respond to the new urban needs of the city and the modern user, while also creating a smarter and more sustainable building that would become a desirable place to work. Adding to the challenge, the refurbishment had to take place without suspending the ordinary operations of the existing companies located in the tower.