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**Praga Studios building to become the new office of the medical technologies company Edwards Lifesciences which has leased a total of 5,300 m2**

***Half of the new Praga Studios office building, which is being built in Karlín by the development company Skanska, is to be occupied by the medical technologies company Edwards Lifesciences. Their new offices with a total area of 5,300 m2 will be spread out over three floors. Five months before planned completion, more than 60% of the building has already been leased.***

The Praga Studios office building, which after completion in May 2019 will boost the market for commercial real estate in Prague 8 by 11,800 m2 of top-quality class A office space, has acquired a notable tenant. The medical technologies company Edwards Lifesciences is to lease a total of 5,300 m2 in the project which is being built on Pernerova, i.e. approximately half the building.

“*We are delighted that Edwards Lifesciences chose Praga Studios as its new office. We are certain that the employees will appreciate both the top-quality working environment and also the many technological innovations offered by the building, as well as the pleasant areas designed for relaxation on the terrace or many environmentally-friendly solutions which will contribute towards sustainability,*” says **Alexandra Tomášková**, Managing Director of Skanska Property Czech Republic.

“*The modern premises of Praga Studios are in mutual harmony with the basic values of Edwards Lifesciences: technological innovation and an environmentally sustainable approach are combined with tradition and an emphasis on quality of life. I am certain that these premises in the heart of Karlín are the right place for us,*” says **Ondřej Hlavička**, Country Director of Edwards Lifesciences in the Czech Republic.

The Praga Studios building will also house the registered office of Scott & Weber, a provider of fully-equipped offices and co-working space. The Spojka restaurant will be opening on the ground floor of the building offering fresh meat, vegetarian and vegan dishes. There are intensive negotiations in progress about the remaining office areas.

The motto of the Praga Studios office building is a combination of business and art. The new building which builds on the industrial tradition of the Karlín district of Prague will have an atrium in the middle suitable for artistic performances (concerts, theatre performances and exhibitions). This will be open not only to tenants, but also the people living in this district of the city.

The modern office premises of Praga Studios with a total area of 11,800 m2 are built to meet the requirements of the highest environmental certification LEED Platinum and also the new certification for office buildings known as WELL. This certification evaluates the impact of the building’s interior on the health and mental wellbeing of the people who work there.

Skanska has developed the Connected by Skanska operating system for tenants of the Praga Studios building. Among other things, this allows easy access to the building using a mobile phone, offers a smart parking system including navigation to the allocated spot and an application for smartphones which combines all of the services in the buildings and its surrounding area.

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