

Press release

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NCC to build three apartment blocks in Vantaa for VAV

VAV Yhtymä Ltd. and NCC have agreed to build three apartment blocks to Veturikuja in Vantaa, Tikkurila. The project is carried out following the the Nordic Swan Ecolabel criteria. The total value of the construction project is approximately 19 million euros.

The work will start in early summer 2020 and the project is completed towards the end of 2021. The project in Tikkurila, Vantaa includes 120 privately financed rental apartments. The project consists of three six-storey buildings, apartment size ranging from studio to two bedrooms.

"It's great to do another Nordic Swan Ecolabel project with VAV. We built Finland's biggest Nordic Swan apartment building to date together in Hakunila, Vantaa, which shows that the criteria offers a cost-effective solution to reducing the carbon footprint in construction", says **Tuomas Tonteri**, Head of the Unit.

"For VAV, healthy living and environmental sustainability require taking action. That's why our houses are built according to the Swan Ecolabel criteria. The location of the buildings is fantastic, offering excellent public transport connections to anywhere in the world. We also refused to compromise on the appearance of the buildings and the brick-clad buildings fit beautifully into the environment. Even though the buildings are still under construction, they have already attracted a great deal of attention from people searching for a home. People want to live in these buildings", says **Teija Ojankoski**, CEO of VAV.

Environmental criteria for the Nordic Swan Ecolabel include the following: the sustainability and origin of building materials, the safety of the chemicals used, moisture management and energy efficiency. At least 70% of the construction waste must be recycled.

"The requirements of the certificate will affect the entire project from planning onwards. Every batch of material for the building is closely monitored on site. Materials whose product details do not meet the criteria for certification must not be included. That's why it's important to introduce all site personnel to the requirements of the Nordic Swan Ecolabel," Tonteri emphasises.

Environmental aspects are also taken into account after the building has been completed, for example by producing summer-long electricity for the property with solar panels and by encouraging the residents to cycle. The Veturikuja site is car-free, except for disabled parking. The atmosphere of the environment and landscaping is also considered. In addition, the site operates within NCC's own Sustainable Site concept, which combines all sustainable actions on site into concrete and measurable actions.

NCC is responsible for planning and implementing the project. The architectural design is by Kanttia2, construction planning by Optiplan and structural design by A-insinöörit.

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Nordic Swan Ecolable building

- The Nordic Swan Ecolabel criteria is based on the building's entire life cycle
- The building is energy-efficient and a comfortable home for the residents
- Good indoor air quality
- Building materials used in the house are safe, promote health and have low emissions

NCC: Our vision is to renew our industry and provide superior sustainable solutions. NCC is one of the leading companies in the Nordics within construction, infrastructure and property development, with sales of almost EUR 5.5 billion and 16,500 employees in 2019. The NCC share is listed on NASDAQ OMX Stockholm.