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### HQE CERTIFICATION/ FRENCH SIPS

#### **Challenge:**

Improving the environmental performance of our French shopping centre developments

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#### **Solution:**

Hammerson takes a dual approach to improving the sustainability performance of its development pipeline. First, we target external ratings, such as BREEAM (a UK rating which is increasingly being used in continental Europe) and HQE (specific to France). Second, we develop our own Sustainability Implementation Plans (SIP) for each scheme, which go beyond the requirements of external ratings and also include social sustainability criteria.

In France, we achieved our first Haute Qualité Environnementale (HQE) rating in 2009, for a scheme in central Paris at design stage. Our extension to Italie 2, an existing shopping centre in the 13th arrondissement, will create an additional 9,000 m<sup>2</sup> of commercial space, opening the closed façade of the centre to Avenue d'Italie by creating boutiques and restaurants, making the area more secure and visually attractive. The scheme will include a green roof and wall. Strict targets have been adopted relating to construction methods and products, water and waste management, carbon emissions and ongoing environmental performance post-construction.

Separately, we have developed a draft Sustainability Implementation Plan for future French developments. Based on the UK SIP, this document takes into account the specific requirements and challenges posed by development in France. It will be refined as part of our development of Les Terrasses du Port, a major retail development in Marseilles due to start on site towards the end of 2010.