

## Tower of Piraeus



The construction of the tall building named "Tower of Piraeus" was the most ambitious construction project of the 1970s in Greece, the "symbol" of the port of Piraeus which at that time was rapidly changing and developing into an international shipping and transportation hub.

With 23 floors and a height of 84 meters, it ranks as the second tallest building in Greece. Its construction began in 1972 based on plans by architects I. Vikelas, A. Loizou and D. Molfesi, the exterior cladding with glass panes and metal panels was completed in 1983, but the interior remained unfinished until 2020.

BETAPLAN, as the lead Architect, undertook the Completion and Renovation Study of the 23-storey building of 34,200 m<sup>2</sup> in order to give life to the building again and become a "point of reference" for the city.

The building program for the renovation of the Tower envisages a combination of commercial and entertainment spaces on the first three floors of the building and office spaces on the remaining floors up to the 22nd floor.

The central idea for the development of commercial uses was their unification in a single shopping mall with a central entrance from Poseidon Avenue and internal circulation between floors through escalators and exclusive use of elevators.

On the roof of the 2nd floor, a cafe-bar and restaurant space was created that offers a unique view of the port. On the upper floors of the building, the design of the office spaces was guided by functionality, but above all the flexibility that their design will be able to offer to the possible requirements of future users.

In addition, the design incorporated the principles of anticovid 19 design, with the application of closed individual work spaces, with the use of dividers between open offices and with closed office spaces, ensuring 9.00m<sup>2</sup> for each employee.

The air conditioning on the office floors is designed to avoid the risk of contamination of the premises. The solution followed provides for an independent air conditioning and ventilation system for each office floor.

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The construction of the building was completed in May 2024.

The architectural offices PILA for the design of the facades of the building and the office ASPA for the design of the commercial spaces also participated in the study group.

The building was energy certified with the highest level of LEED platinum.

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