

## **The brains behind the building: Erkan Sarier**

Since autumn 2022, Erkan Sarier has been working at Ampega as a project manager for SKYPER. With a professional background as an architect and real estate economist, he plays a significant role in the further development of SKYPER. In our interview series "The Brains Behind the Building," he provides us with an insight into his diverse and varied range of responsibilities.

*Mr. Sarier, could you please give us an insight into your responsibilities at SKYPER and tell us what stands out the most?*

I am a trained architect and real estate economist, and since autumn 2022, I have been co-responsible as a project manager at Ampega for the further development of SKYPER. For this, I work closely in a team with our partners, such as the architects from BilleBeyeScheid Architekten and the executing trades. Our tasks range from conception to planning to implementation. The diversity of tasks we tackle together is particularly challenging and at the same time immensely fascinating.

*How have tenants' needs and requirements generally evolved, and how have you responded to them?*

Tenants' requirements have changed significantly over time, and this shift was accelerated by the pandemic. The focus has shifted from the office as a place to work to the office as a place to collaborate. The office building must meet the individual needs of the employees. We responded by initiating and implementing extensive measures to optimize digitalization and create a more sustainable building operation at SKYPER. Another focus of our work is on the ongoing improvement of the quality of stay, especially in the lobby and the plaza in front of the high-rise.

*Can you already name some specific innovations for the redesign of SKYPER that provide an insight into the future user experience?*

In the coming weeks, various measures will be implemented to further enhance the lobby. In addition to setting up a lounge on the ground floor and relocating the mailbox system from the forecourt to the lobby, the elevator lobby on the ground floor will be redesigned and equipped with high-quality natural stone and an LED light ceiling. A real eye-catcher will be a large screen that will provide information and entertainment for users. Additionally, the plaza in front of the SKYPER Tower will be renewed. A new flooring will be laid, and we will soon unveil a spectacular highlight there. Stay tuned.

*Are there any other innovations at SKYPER? What else is in the planning?*

The execution of the updates I just mentioned is in full swing and will be completed this summer. Next, we will tackle the conversion and redesign of the conference area on the ground floor. There are already concrete and very promising approaches and concepts for this as well.

A personal question to conclude: The new screen in the lobby will surely undergo intensive testing.

*Which movie would you watch to test the quality and performance of the screen?*

That's an interesting question. If I had the opportunity, I would watch a movie like "Super Mario Bros." with my family. The visual effects, the vibrant colors, and the many lovely details would certainly showcase the full performance of the screen beautifully.