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## Press release

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### First in Brussels: Manhattan awarded for its infrastructure and mobility facilities

Manhattan is the first building in Belgium to receive the ActiveScore Platinum certification. ActiveScore is a British certification that assesses infrastructure, services and facilities available within buildings for those embracing Active Travel methods.

More than just an office, this 60,000 sqm building has been designed to foster innovation and collaboration and thus meet the ever-evolving ambitions of the forward-thinking companies who call Manhattan their home. The building was designed with people in mind, meaning it has numerous provisions to ensure the best health and wellbeing for employees and offers the best possible working environment. This is also demonstrated by Manhattan being the first building in continental Europe to receive the highest recognition in terms of Indoor Air Quality, namely the "AirScore D&O Platinum" certification awarded by AirRated.

**Ben Cooper, Executive Director from Victory Group** said: *"We are very proud of this recognition and are especially keen to share it with our tenants. For us, this result is the validation of a concrete, transparent and integrated sustainability policy, implemented by all our teams. The ActiveScore certification confirms our desire to place users, and their health and well-being, at the centre of our forward-thinking strategy."*

This certification also responds to the Active Travel challenges that all major cities face. Multi-modal travel is good for people's health and for environmental factors within cities, as well as often being quicker and more efficient! Today, buildings that welcome and encourage active commuters will be rewarded – The ActiveScore certification is the most effective way to let people know that the most progressive building owners care about Active Travel. Manhattan is a perfect example of Victory Group's commitment to both environmental and social responsibility.

The building is equipped with secure bicycle parking, charging stations, lockers and showers. These facilities, combined with sustainable transport links (rail, metro and cycle paths), will contribute to the establishment of active commuters and will certainly encourage more people to use alternative mobility.

**Alex Georgiadis, Head of Consultancy from ActiveScore:** *"It's a pleasure to work with forward-thinking firms like Victory Group to help support and inspire Active Travel. Victory Group has a real interest in, and commitment to, sustainability and employee wellbeing, which was essential in achieving the first-ever ActiveScore Platinum-rated building in Belgium! As a result, the Manhattan building has cemented itself as a benchmark for Active Travel within Brussels. Congratulations to Victory Group's team for setting a new standard."*

### About Victory Group

Victory is a leading investment firm focused on real estate and hotel investments throughout Western Europe. We seek to deliver long-term value for our stakeholders through engaged, hands-on management of carefully selected investments. Victory's redevelopments have become the benchmark for delivering sustainable, forward-thinking and people-focused real estate transformations.

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### About ActiveScore

Born in the UK in 2021 (formerly "CyclingScore"), the "ActiveScore" label evaluates, certifies and enables owners to improve the mobility facilities and services offered within their assets. The assessment focuses on the quality of the infrastructure (70% of the score), the commitment of tenants and owners (20%) and the prospects for further development (10%). Different levels of certification are awarded (from "certified" to "platinum100") and several asset classes are concerned (office, hotel, residential, retail, etc.). In addition, it facilitates obtaining WELL, BREEAM and LEED certifications.

### About Manhattan Brussels

Manhattan, located in the heart of downtown Brussels (Rogier), sets a new standard for office buildings in Brussels. This avant-garde building has been designed with people at the centre of its priorities. It offers an exceptional working environment in the heart of the new business centre, with a unique ecosystem of facilities and services. The building offers four catering options, four separate fitness centres, a meeting centre and an auditorium to meet all occupants' needs. Accessibility is unparalleled, with access to the metro within the building, bicycle parking, a car park with electric vehicle facilities and a prime location on the inner ring. Sustainability is a key aspect of the newly renovated building, which is rated BREEAM Excellent, EPB-A, ActiveScore Platinum and AirScore D&O Platinum.

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