

Press release

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Start Hart van Zuid Rotterdam, funding finalized

Now that the Financial Close is complete, the Ballast Nedam and Heijmans consortium, supported by 3i Infrastructure, has reached an important milestone and the commencement of construction is close at hand.

The partners will work on the renewal and reinforcement of the area surrounding the Zuidplein and Ahoy centres in a public private partnership with the Municipality of Rotterdam. The work among other things comprises property development, non-residential building and maintenance up to and including 2043 and is valued at approximately € 200 million.

During the multi-year area development, the Ahoy convention centre will be significantly expanded to include an international conference centre, a music hall, a cinema and a hotel. The Gooilandsingel road will become the connecting, restricted traffic link for the Hart van Zuid area. An art building with a library and theatre will be constructed on the new Plein op Zuid square. In addition, the Zuidplein shopping centre will be renovated and expanded, and will become more accessible by providing a better connection with the Gooilandsingel. The new Charlois fifty-metre swimming pool will be incorporated into the current sub-municipality city hall. Furthermore, the area will acquire much better and much more user- friendly connections. This includes the renewal of the metro and bus public transportation hub. The schedule calls for initial work to commence in the second quarter of 2016.