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Bilbao, Spain

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Location
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Date
2017 -

Client
Inversiones y Servicios
Arrasate, S.A and
Construcciones Urrutia,
S.A.

Site Area
(2,247.73 m²)

Floors
36

Co-Architect
Luis Vidal Architects

Structural Engineer
BAC

Services Engineer
BAC

Cost Consultant
Luis Vidal Architects

Contractor
Construcciones Urrutia,
S.A.



Bilbao's success at reinventing itself is well documented and 30 years after the construction of the Guggenheim (the building that sparked this revival) the city remains one of the most notable exemplars of successful urban regeneration. These efforts, coordinated by Bilbao Ría 2000, have seen the transformation of Bilbao from an industrial city in terminal decline into a world-class tourist destination.

The area of Garellano, the site for this 36-storey residential tower, was previously occupied by barracks and represented the last major site available for regeneration within Central Bilbao. Given this importance, Bilbao Ría 2000 organised an international masterplan competition for the 53-hectare site in 2008.

In 2009, RSHP were announced the competition winners and, following the approval of the masterplan by the City, Bilbao Ría 2000 successfully auctioned the development plots despite the economic downturn that followed the 2009

financial crisis. Plot PO8, however, was not put up for sale, as it was earmarked for use as a temporary bus station during the construction of a new station on an adjoining site.

In 2017, with the construction of the new bus station underway, Bilbao Ría 2000 commissioned RSHP to prepare a feasibility study for the final of the five towers developed within the masterplan and auctioned the plot. Grupo Arrasate, a Basque company that has championed the concept of housing cooperatives since 1995, was the successful winner.

This tower will be the only building in the Garellano Area to be designed by RSHP and will accommodate 166 apartments above three levels of commercial space and five levels of beneath-grade parking, offering an above-ground area of approx. 21,000m² on a site of 2,245m².