Zlota 44 — Warsaw, Poland

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Zolta 44 was designed by world-renowned architect, Daniel Libenski, and its impressive form shows his forward-thinking and elegant design. Currently the second tallest residential building in the European Union, Zolta 44 stands at 192 meters and towers over the surrounding area. Daniel Libeskind worked very closely with Arup to engineer a sail-shaped building that is described as, "showing a new direction for the future of Warsaw". Zlota 44 aims to provide the most luxurious living for the residents of Warsaw and does so with 14,000 square meters of amenities. Residents have access to a 25-meter pool, massage studio, gym, etc. Zlota 44 was truly designed with the user in mind and creates an unprecedented quality of living in Poland.

Zlota 44 was designed in the mid-2000s and construction started in 2008. However, due to financial difficulties, the construction process came to a halt for several years. The building was sold at a discounted rate to Amstar and BBI international and construction was able to continue. Zlota 44 was finally able to open its doors in 2016 and welcome the future living of Warsaw.

Zlota 44 utilized a sail-shaped facade to maximize natural light, not only in each apartment but in the surrounding buildings. The modern tower is a completely new style in Warsaw and creates a bridge between Poland and the rest of the western world. Zlota 44 is more than just a luxurious building, it is a staple of the city and is progressing the further development of Warsaw.

Despite Zlota 44's purpose as a fully residential building, it was crafted in a manner that stands for so much more than just 'a place to live'. Daniel Libeskind and Arup were successfully able to create this masterpiece through thoughtful engineering and design. Zlota 44 was engineered in a way that displays Polish values and celebrates a new era of democracy in the country.

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