

## Die Werkbank IT GmbH is now part of Drees & Sommer

As of January 1, 2022, Drees & Sommer SE owns a 100% share in the IT company Die Werkbank IT GmbH, with its headquarters in Vienna. In this way, the internationally active real estate consulting and planning company Drees & Sommer is looking to expand its digital expertise. Die Werkbank has established itself in recent years as a provider of high-quality BIM solutions for architects, building planners and the construction industry, especially in the DACH region. Drees & Sommer and Die Werkbank already had a history of close collaboration in the past.

Along with its subsidiary "Next IT Services" in Sofia, Die Werkbank provides solutions for the digitization of processes in the planning, construction, and operation of buildings. For example, the product "BIM & More" gives planners access to up-to-date product information from manufacturers as a BIM plugin.

"With this takeover, we are securing valuable know-how and development capacity for the digitization of processes in the construction and real estate industries," says Patrick Theis, Partner at Drees & Sommer SE. "The joint configurator platform v.create emerged from previous collaboration between Drees & Sommer and Die Werkbank over the last year and a half." With this tool, customers are able to productively configure office spaces and walk through them virtually. Integration with the digital planning world makes it possible to seamlessly link development to BIM processes. v.create is currently being expanded for other applications, such as logistics.

## Continued independence in the market

In the future, Die Werkbank IT GmbH will continue to develop its product portfolio under the leadership of long-standing Managing Director Matthias Uhl and Patrick Theis.

"We have worked very well together with Drees & Sommer in the past," says Matthias Uhl, Managing Director of Die Werkbank IT GmbH. "We look forward to a strong future together and now want to bundle our skills and gradually expand our team of experts." The subsidiary company "Next IT Services" in Sofia will continue to play an important role in all IT developments and will expand Drees & Sommer's digital capacity with development expertise in the fields of CAD, BIM, VR and AR.

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