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**PricewaterhouseCoopers shifts into a new tower in Frankfurt**  
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**PricewaterhouseCoopers has shifted into Tower 185, a new state-of-the-art tower in Frankfurt, Germany which is due to become the firm's headquarters in the country.**

The 55-storey Tower 185 dons a monolithic architectural structure that is in complete contrast with the lithe organic-styled interiors of the public areas of the building that have been designed by the European firm JOI-Design.

Work in the tower's lower part comprising a horseshoe shaped courtyard flanking the tower on both sides has already been completed. The completed portions include a reception lobby, conference areas, a small public café counter and a private cafeteria for the employees. The building incorporates a colossal style with clean geometric shapes and straight lines, graceful curves and organic shapes imbibed into the interiors.

The focal point of the entrance lobby resembles a UFO-like island which serves both as a reception desk on one side as well as a café / bar for social events. It is made from highly polished glass fibres which are moulded into a lacy web. The café section of the desk features sleek white leather bar stools.

In the area around the centre panel, colour-shifting LED lights whose intensities can be adjusted throughout the day take centrestage. The intensity can be lowered in the morning hours and increased towards the end of the day. A small café is placed at the ground floor atrium. The frosted glass cladding on the exterior of the bar has been illuminated with green coloured LED lights. The bar also comprises modern white leather stools with scatter tables and white leather club chairs.

The employee cafeteria is adorned with parquet flooring and oak wall panels. A feature wall made of glass panels with cool grey silhouettes of trees is backlit through alternate accents of green and orange.

A fast lane, mainly in white finishes, has also been added to the cafeteria, comprising bar-height tables and curved shelving dividers. Every meeting room in the conference area has SB Points which are self-service bars consisting of a small refrigerator, tableware and cutlery. The cabinetry's fascias features silver symbols to indicate what is contained inside.

The tower will also incorporate quiet rooms within the conference spaces for privacy reasons. The rooms are entirely sound-insulated but have frosted glass doors with clear windows to avoid claustrophobia. Phase two of the project is currently underway with construction being carried out in the highest levels of the tower to house offices for the senior management, a sky bar and areas for special events.

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