

Rehabilitation of the Bolhão Market

Porto.

Project's type: Retail and leisure
Presented by: Porto City Council
Planned opening date: 2020



Summary

The renovation of Bolhão Market represents an anchor project for Porto's urban regeneration. This project intends to maintain the original layout of the building and the fresh food market introducing technological solutions for comfort and safety and modernizing the equipments. The renovation works represent a 35 M€ investment and started in 2018. It is expected to be concluded in 2020.

Presentation

Occupying an entire block of Porto's city centre, the Bolhão market is a key element of the urban environment, located in one of the most dynamic areas of the city and attracting a large number of people, including vendors, consumers and tourists.

The main objectives of the project include: buy local and healthy lifestyle promotion, heritage protection, branding as a place of tradition, culture & healthy lifestyle, experience improvement, better mobility & accessibility, energy efficiency & waste management, better working conditions and employment, promotion as major tourist attraction, and product variety marketing.

The renovation project is based on three areas: the building, the market and people. The new market will reach a good balance between keeping the original spirit of the market alive (with the vendors on the ground floor) and bringing new customers and functions to the market (with the restaurants on the first floor).

This project was the focus of a public tender that finished in November 2017. Renovation works began in May 2018 and it is expected to take two years. Part of the restoration investment will also be supported by community funds. A temporary structure was created by the municipality for housing the vendors during the period of construction.

