



HB Reavis' Largest Office Development in the European Union Relies on Highly Flexible, Secure HID Mobile Access Solution

[HB Reavis](#) is an international workspace provider active across much of Europe, including the United Kingdom, Germany, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary and Czech Republic. The company designs workspaces that enhance wellbeing and productivity, creating synergies through a people-centric focus. Corporate social responsibility and technology are at the heart of the business.

[Varso Place](#) in Warsaw, Poland, is the company's latest development and one of its most ambitious projects to date: Comprising of three buildings in a 144,000 square meter area, the project's showstopper is the Varso Tower, which is set to become the tallest building in the European Union, at over 310 meters tall, featuring 70,000 square meters of space spread over 53 floors. Varso Place uses the most modern design principles and technology, and includes public space on the ground levels.

CHALLENGE

HB Reavis' people-centric approach incorporate spaces for both the general public and business users. In the case of Varso Place, there is a requirement to allow more than 7,000 people to move freely and easily throughout the building in a highly secure manner, as well as to accommodate public access on the lower floors, including a covered walkway lined with shops and restaurants, and an observation deck on the top of Varso Tower, which will give spectacular views over the city of Warsaw.

For Varso Place, HB Reavis wanted to provide a single access system for the entire building, so that every tenant would have a simple, easy-to-use, one-stop solution for security management. The company wanted a modern system that will benefit users of the building and be fitting to the high-quality, landmark structure that is Varso Place.

One of the biggest challenges was to create a unified access control solution, using a single type of reader, that would support multiple tenants using different credential types and technologies. Not only that, a unified access control system meant huge savings, as HB Reavis could avoid installing other access control systems and readers. The company could also ensure that it kept the same look and feel throughout the building to provide a consistent aesthetic and experience.

CASE STUDY

SOLUTIONS

- HID Mobile Access[®] and Mobile-Enabled Readers



“Our priority is to provide our client with one solution that will support the entire user journey throughout the building, from the moment they enter to the moment they sit at their office desk, and whenever they need to move around from room to room, floor to floor,” said Kamil Targalski Area Sales Manager, Physical Access Control Solutions at HID Global.

Furthermore, HB Reavis wanted to ensure that any system could be integrated into its More App, which covers all building services, from concierge services, events, room booking systems, car or bike sharing and seamless access. The app is central to HB Reavis’s vision to provide workspaces that increase productivity and wellbeing, so it is constantly upgraded and improved to ensure satisfaction and a unique experience for everyone using its buildings.

SOLUTION

HB Reavis wanted a building security solution that would allow tenants to move away from traditional keyfob or card-based solutions, and use a system based on smartphones and the management of digital credentials. But the company also wanted to give tenants the option to keep using more traditional plastic badges if they preferred.

Having worked with HID Global for more than 15 years, HB Reavis turned to the company for this solution and selected HID readers equipped with Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) and Near Field Communication (NFC) technologies. These readers support a broad array of high frequency 13.56 MHz and low frequency 125kHz credentials, and work with a variety of form factors including cards, fobs and smart devices, in both Android and iOS systems. HID readers are being deployed on parking barriers, lifts and all inside doors.

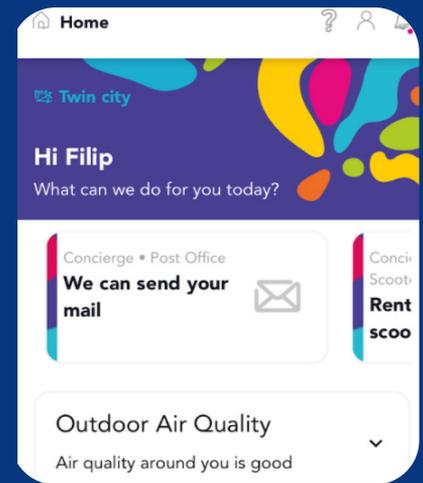
Additionally, the tenants of Varso Place have the option of using their mobile IDs through HB Reavis’ More App. With HB Reavis managing the security system going forward, tenants have access to state-of-the-art security, with the peace of mind of not needing to put this in place themselves. The company will also support card-based security for those tenants who wish to continue using this system through the same HID readers.

RESULTS

HID Global’s access control systems have already made a difference. The solution has helped with secured and seamless access during the COVID-19 pandemic by enabling touchless access around the building, as part of its integration into the HB Reavis More App.

HID Global’s readers and access management system meant it was possible to provide one solution for the entire user journey—from the general public passing through the building to tenants and employees.

HID Global’s solution includes a Software Development Kit (SDK) so HB Reavis can integrate mobile access into its own More App, and it can be developed over time as needs change. This allows HB Reavis to maximize its long-term benefit from using mobile security. Those tenants who decide to use the mobile solution rather than the card-based offer can implement seamless, touchless security-controlled access from before an individual enters the building, throughout their time inside, to the point that they leave.



More App is one of the key tools that HB Reavis uses to support its productivity and wellbeing services at its unique office buildings. HB Reavis tenants save time by using the concierge services, from seamless access to facilities and to workspaces in the building. On top of this, HB Reavis enables tenants to access a bike-sharing scheme, as it has been proven that regular cycling reduces stress levels and improves overall health and wellbeing. More App is also used to create other health-centric initiatives, such as community events, or even enabling access to regular health checks.

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“Not only does mobile access provide state-of-the-art security control, it also helps with wellbeing. There is no need to remember to take a pass with you when you leave home, or to remember to carry it in order to move around different parts of the building. When security is based on the phone, it is frictionless, because people always make sure they have their phone with them,” said Jakub Kacer, Security Manager at HB Reavis.

Another key advantage of mobile, contactless security systems is that they support health guidelines for disease control, as they minimise surface contact opportunities and the human-to-human interaction that is typical for issuing and managing physical cards and keyfobs.

“As a company that wants to ensure a healthy and risk-free environment, mobile credentials allow us to prioritize health by creating a safe and environmentally friendly environment for our tenants,” said Kacer.

“We are delighted to be working with HB Reavis on the largest office project in Eastern Europe, and providing more than 7,000 people with the ability to move freely around the building while maintaining security for tenants. Our ongoing program of developing our application will ensure working at Varso Place remains a positive and secure experience for those who work there into the future,” said Troy Johnston, Director CRE Business Development, Physical Access Control Solutions at HID Global.



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