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IN WARSAW, a radical new office building for Agora, publisher of Poland's chief daily newspaper, *Gazeta Wyborcza*, has been 'greened' by landscape architects R.S. Architektura Krajobrazu. The building's walls are glazed to blur the boundaries between outside and in, and a series of five multi-level outdoor terraces are recessed within the walls at various intervals, planted up to create the impression of green 'canyons' sculpted out of the building. Trees such as 8-metre tall *Carpinus betulus* have been planted on these terraces, together with ferns, bulbs and a range of groundcover



plants. The tallest trees will reach up to meet climbers such as *Parthenocissus quinquefolia*, *Clematis vitalba* and *Vitis coignetiae* that cascade down from the roof, planted with 'green roof' technology in a special lightweight soil medium. The entire façade of the building is encased in a

series of large wooden 'ribs' to provide shade in the summer. The project, designed to reflect Agora's environmentally friendly image, has just been completed.

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