

## PRESS RELEASE

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## AEW acquires office asset in Munich on behalf of the City Office Germany Fund







AEW announces the acquisition of an 11,600 sqm office asset at Leopoldstraße 240-244 in Munich, Germany, from Optima-Aegidius Group on behalf of its City Office Germany Fund (the "Fund). As a result of this transaction, the Fund's total assets under management have increased to approximately €160mn.

The property, which has an occupancy level of 93%, is let to Leopoldstraße Business Center, as well as the Free State of Bavaria, ZF Friedrichshafen and Accedo. Built in 2001, the property is located in the north of Munich on the western edge of the business district, Parkstadt Schwabing.

Sebastian Grobe, Director of Investment Management for the Fund at AEW, commented: "Munich has excellent prospects with the city's northern submarket experiencing a shortage of office space. This asset in a thriving business district provides an attractive investment opportunity with significant rental growth potential in the short to medium term."

Dr. Marc Langenbach, Head of Funds and Separate Accounts for Germany at AEW, said: "This latest acquisition marks our third investment for the City Office Germany Fund. Munich is a market with strong fundamentals and ranks third after Düsseldorf and Hamburg in the Fund's top seven target locations. Looking forward, we have a number of other assets under exclusivity."

AEW was advised by King & Spalding Frankfurt/Main. The vendor was advised by Kanzlei Zirngibl München. Colliers acted as commercial advisor.

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