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## AEW Europe acquires new c. 7,000 sqm logistics asset leased to a public institution near Frankfurt

AEW Europe, one of the world's largest real estate investment and asset managers<sup>1</sup>, announces the off-market acquisition of a new logistics asset in Weiterstadt, close to Frankfurt, Germany. The asset was acquired from Four Parx.



The asset is ideally located in one of the main logistics markets and industrial hubs in Germany. Frankfurt's airport, the largest in Germany, is located 20 kilometres from the warehouse and is easily accessible via the A5 motorway.

The asset, which is rented by a public institution with a firm ten-year lease, was delivered at the end of 2023 and consists of three modern, independent buildings of varying sizes totalling 7,177 sqm. The asset's high degree of flexibility allows the space to be divided into up to seven units of different sizes.

The asset meets several ESG criteria, such as LED lighting, a thermally insulated façade, and charging stations for electric vehicles. It aims to obtain DGNB "Gold" certification<sup>2</sup>.

**Matthieu Samaran, Investment Director at AEW**, says: *"The Frankfurt industrial hub is one of the most dynamic and stable in Germany. The quality of this logistics asset, its strong energy performance, and the long lease negotiated with a top-tier tenant can enhance its potential as an attractive investment."*

**Antoine Barbier, Head of AEW Patrimoine**, adds: *"We believe this high-quality logistics asset is well positioned to generate attractive returns over the long term. This type of acquisition, in a favourable market context, allows for the possibility of exploring financing on favourable terms to support our strategy."*

For this transaction, AEW was advised by GSK, TA Europe, and Nova Ambiente.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Institutional Real Estate Inc, Global Investment Managers 2023 Special Report.

<sup>2</sup> For additional information on AEW's ESG practices, please visit: <https://www.aew.com/responsibility>

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AEW is one of the world's largest real estate asset managers, with €78.7bn of assets under management as at 30 June 2024<sup>3</sup>. AEW has over 860 employees, with its main offices located in Boston, London, Paris and Singapore and offers a wide range of real estate investment products including comingled funds, separate accounts and securities mandates across the full spectrum of investment strategies. AEW represents the real estate asset management platform of Natixis Investment Managers, one of the largest asset managers in the world.

As at 30 June 2024, AEW managed €37.1bn of real estate assets in Europe on behalf of a number of funds and separate accounts. AEW has over 515 employees based in 11 offices across Europe and has a long track record of successfully implementing Core, Value-Add and Opportunistic investment strategies on behalf of its clients. In the last five years, AEW has invested and divested a total volume of almost €18.5bn of real estate across European markets.

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<sup>1</sup> Survey respondents ranked by Investment & Pensions Europe/Top 500 Asset Managers 2024 ranked Natixis Investment Managers as the 19th largest asset manager in the world based on assets under management as of December 31, 2023.

<sup>2</sup> Assets under management (AUM) of current affiliated entities measured as of September 30, 2024, are \$1,427.2 billion (€1,279.0 billion). AUM, as reported, may include notional assets, assets serviced, gross assets, assets of minority-owned affiliated entities and other types of nonregulatory AUM managed or serviced by firms affiliated with Natixis Investment Managers.

<sup>3</sup> A brand of DNCA Finance.

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<sup>3</sup> As of June 30, 2024, AEW includes (i) AEW Capital Management, L.P. and its subsidiaries and (ii) affiliated company AEW Europe SA and its subsidiaries. AEW Europe SA and AEW Capital Management, L.P. are commonly owned by Natixis Investment Managers and operate independently from each other. Total AEW AUM of €78.7 billion includes €36.3 billion in assets managed by AEW Europe SA and its affiliates, €4.5 billion in regulatory assets under management of AEW Capital Management, L.P., and €37.9 billion in assets for which AEW Capital Management, L.P. and its affiliates provide (i) investment management services to a fund or other vehicle that is not primarily investing in securities (e.g., real estate), (ii) non-discretionary investment advisory services (e.g., model portfolios) or (iii) fund management services that do not include providing investment advice.