

# PRESS RELEASE

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## AEW acquires Louise Centre office building in Brussels for €54mn

**AEW** announces, on behalf of OPCI Franceurope Immo\*, that it has acquired the Louise Centre office building in Brussels, from AXA Investment Managers - Real Assets\*\*, for approximately €54mn. The 16,146 sqm asset is ideally located in the heart of Brussels, on the prestigious Avenue Louise and offers a multitude of services nearby including shops, hotels, restaurants and access to public transport.



The Louise Centre was fully renovated to a high standard in 2014 and has an “excellent” BREEAM rating. The new façade enhances this flagship building and complements the contemporary and flexible work spaces within.

The current occupancy is 90% with over 30 tenants, including The United Nations, Tribes Business Center and Altavia.

**Arsène Marques, Deputy Managing Director at NAMI - AEW Europe**, commented: “This new acquisition perfectly illustrates the evolution of our investment strategy, which now includes a European dimension. The Louise Centre reflects our strategy of investing in prime locations with strong rental and investment markets.”

**NAMI - AEW Europe** was advised by Clifford Chance. AXA Investment Managers - Real Assets was advised by Cushman & Wakefield.

\*OPCI Franceurope Immo is managed by NAMI - AEW Europe, an affiliate of AEW, one of the world’s largest real estate asset managers

\*\*AXA Investment Managers - Real Assets\* acting on behalf of AXA Belgium

## ABOUT AEW

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As at 31 December 2016, AEW (including Ciloger) managed €26.0bn of real estate assets in Europe on behalf of a number of funds and separate accounts. AEW has over 300 employees based in 10 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 over €17.5bn of real estate across European markets.

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