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## AEW Europe acquires a Life Science asset in the Netherlands

AEW Europe, one of the world's leading real estate investment and asset managers<sup>1</sup>, has completed a strategic investment in the Netherlands with the acquisition of a high-quality Life Science asset in Nijmegen. This sale and leaseback transaction with Symeres, a major player in pharmaceutical research and manufacturing, marks a significant step in strengthening its presence in the European market.



The c. 5,600 m<sup>2</sup> asset comprises two interconnected buildings, offering an optimal allocation of 80% laboratory space and 20% office space. Symeres, who has owned and occupied the site since 2006 when it originally developed the asset, has signed a 20-year long-term lease indexed to inflation. These spaces will continue to serve as the company's headquarters.

Ideally located in the Kerkenbos business park in Nijmegen, the property benefits from a dynamic environment within a rapidly expanding Life Science hub. Its immediate proximity to two major Life Science and technology campuses, including Radboud University and the University Medical Center, enhances its attractiveness.

Nijmegen enjoys a strategic position in the eastern Netherlands, on the German border. This location offers excellent connectivity through highway links to Amsterdam, Rotterdam, and Germany, as well as rail connections to Utrecht, Düsseldorf, and Amsterdam. The nearby Waal River also serves as a major waterway for goods transport between Germany and the Netherlands.

**Antoine Barbier, Head of AEW Patrimoine**, commented: *"This investment marks AEW Patrimoine's entry into the Dutch Life Science market. It allows us to build strategic exposure to this increasingly attractive real estate typology for our investors, while strengthening the geographical diversification and granularity of our portfolio in Europe."*

**Frederique Weber, Country Head The Netherlands at AEW Europe**, added: *"This asset features high-quality space in a prominent Life Science cluster, which is essential to the tenant's operations. It therefore guarantees stable long-term income. The Dutch Life Science market demonstrates strong sector fundamentals, supported by growing demand for modern, well-located spaces."*



<sup>1</sup> Source: 2025 IRE.IQ Real Estate Managers Guide". The Guide, published annually by Institutional Real Estate, Inc., ranks real estate managers based on the gross value of real estate AUM (\$m) as of December 31, 2024.

AEW Europe was advised by JLL and Greenberg Traurig. The seller was advised by NautaDutilh and CBRE.

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<sup>1</sup> Survey respondents and publicly available data ranked by Investment & Pensions Europe/Top 500 Asset Managers 2025 ranked Natixis Investment Managers as the 20<sup>th</sup> largest asset manager in the world based on assets under management as of December 31, 2024.

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<sup>2</sup> Assets under management (AUM) of affiliated entities measured as of December 31, 2025, are \$1,553.2 billion (€1,322.6 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.