

## Press release

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# AEW Europe acquires a 100 000 sqm logistics development in the Saint-Martin-de-Crau logistics hub of southern France

AEW Europe announces that it has acquired a 100 000 sqm logistics development located in the heart of the Ecopôle logistics hub (Saint-Martin-de-Crau) in southern France from Dyna Logistics, a private French real estate company. AEW Europe made the acquisition on behalf of the €1.3 billion LOGISTIS fund for which it acts as fund manager.



Following the acquisition AEW Europe will oversee the completion of the construction of a turnkey logistics platform for leading French furniture retailer Maisons du Monde, which has pre-let the entire building on a 12 year lease. The building is currently being developed by Gemfi (Gicram Group) and will be both BREEAM and HQE certified once the phased delivery program completes in 2016.

Located along the highway linking Spain and Italy and connected to the main roads of the Rhône axis as well as the Container Terminal of Port of Marseille, the Ecopôle area is one of France's primary logistics hubs. The campus also contains a rail terminal and a dedicated service center for operators.

This strategic location will play a key role in the organization of Maisons du Monde's supply chain to its c.250 retail outlets across Europe.

The acquisition is in line with LOGISTIS' ongoing strategy of building a portfolio of Grade A logistics parks in prime locations across Continental Europe's main logistics hubs.

Rémy Vertupier, LOGISTIS Fund Manager said: "This transaction represents an important new stage in the development of LOGISTIS in the PACA region (Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur) of France, following the completion of over 200,000 sqm of assets within the Clésud logistics park. We believe that the construction of large size logistics assets in strategic areas meets the structural demand of a market in constant pursuit of operational performance. Maisons du Monde is also a very welcome addition to LOGISTIS's client base."

AEW Europe was advised by the Monassier notary office and ECOR Ingénierie. Maisons du Monde was advised by CBRE.

\*AEW Europe SGP acts as fund manager to LOGISTIS

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## About AEW Europe

AEW Europe is one of the leading European real estate asset and investment managers. Together with AEW Capital Management in the United States and Asia, AEW Europe and its regulated subsidiaries - AEW Europe LLP, NAMI - AEW Europe and AEW Europe SGP - form a global real estate platform of over €45 billion in assets under management (of which €18.2 billion is in Europe as at 09.30.2015). AEW has over 30 years experience in the management of real estate funds and separate institutional mandates with 500 employees in 13 locations around the world, including head offices in Boston, London, Paris and Singapore. AEW's innovative investment strategies are research-driven and rigorously controlled for risk, with implementation carried out by professional teams in its extensive network of local offices on the ground.

AEW regularly receives industry awards in recognition of its investment performance and adherence to principles of sustainability. AEW Europe is a founding member of the group of leading real estate fund managers applying the Bureau Veritas "Green Rating" standards to its European investment portfolio and is a signatory to the United Nations' Principles for Responsible Investment. The company is also an active member of the European Association for Investors in Non-listed Real Estate Funds (INREV) and its portfolios are benchmarked by the Investment Property Databank (IPD). AEW Europe is a subsidiary of Natixis Global Asset Management, one of the top 20 asset managers in the world.

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