

## Press Release

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### AEW Europe acquires prime building in Lille

AEW Europe announced today that it has acquired the “L’Opéra Faidherbe” building in Lille on behalf of an institutional client. The 8,322 sqm asset is split between retail and offices with the latter accounting for circa 5,000 sqm and is fully let to a number of high quality tenants.



The retail space is let to Apple and a toy shop, La Grande Récré, whilst the offices are let to eight high quality tenants including CGI, Icade, GMF and Société Générale.

AEW Europe was advised by Wargny Katz, Clifford Chance, Fidal and Denjean, while the vendor was advised by Fontaine, Roussel et Associés, Thémès and Aforce Degroof.

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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 €38 billion in assets under management (of which €18.2 billion is in Europe as at 06.30.2014). AEW has over 30 years experience in the management of real estate funds and separate institutional mandates with 500 employees in 14 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 16 asset managers in the world.

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