

# PRESS RELEASE

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## AEW forward purchases METRO distribution centre in south-west Germany from IXOCON

**AEW**, announces that it has acquired the METRO distribution centre in Kirchheim an der Weinstraße, 85km south of Frankfurt in the Rhine Neckar region, on behalf of the **LOGISTIS** Fund (“**LOGISTIS**” or the “Fund”). The transaction has been completed through a forward purchase from leading Hamburg based developer IXOCON. The asset is fully pre-let to the METRO Group on a long term lease.



Once completed and handed over to the tenant in June this year, the development will comprise a total of 49,500 sqm of logistics space that is strategically located on the A6 motorway and will serve as METRO’s strategic distribution hub for south-west Germany.

The acquisition not only extends **LOGISTIS**’ presence in Germany, which now totals circa 220,000 sqm of AUM, but also strengthens the Fund’s existing relationship with the METRO Group, a leading wholesale company in Europe.

**LOGISTIS** currently comprises over 2.5 million sqm of prime logistics space, with an occupancy rate of c. 98%.

**Rémy Vertupier, Fund Manager of LOGISTIS** said: “Through this high-quality development project with Metro and IXOCON, we have successfully reinforced our footprint in the German market, which is of strategic importance to **LOGISTIS**. We look forward to further developing our relationship with IXOCON in Germany, as we continue to grow the **LOGISTIS** platform across European markets with the objective to reach a portfolio size of more than €3 bn.”

The **LOGISTIS** platform was created 18 years ago, making **AEW** one of the first European investment managers to enter the logistics space, and since then it has developed a long term track record of outperforming its benchmark indices. **LOGISTIS** aims to provide investors with an attractive income return, with the current portfolio comprising c.75 Grade A logistics assets plus c. 25 under development - located across 40 sites in France, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Poland, the Czech Republic, Italy and Spain, with a total value of approximately €2.2 billion.

AEW was advised by Greenberg Traurig and Gleeds and Ambiente.

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As at 31 December 2016, AEW 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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