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# 1Q 2021 CEREIT Overview

Focus on resilience and diversification

**CEREIT** is a diversified, pan-European REIT with a commercial real estate portfolio valued at €2.3 billion

CEREIT is managed by Cromwell EREIT Management Pte. Ltd. ("**Manager**"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of CEREIT's sponsor, Cromwell Property Group ("**Cromwell**"). Cromwell is an experienced property manager with a 20+ year track record in Europe, with 17 offices in 11 European countries

## Investment Strategy

- Long-term target portfolio of at least 75% or more within Western Europe and at least 75% or more in office and light industrial / logistics
- Tactically targeting towards 50% industrial / logistic

## Highlights

- Resilient portfolio of predominantly office and light industrial / logistics properties, diversified across geographies, tenant-customers and trade sectors
- 85% weighted to Western Europe and ~95% office and light industrial / logistics assets
- Blend of Core (58%)<sup>1</sup>, Core Plus (34%) and Value-add (8%) assets with a long WALE of 4.8 years
- Investment-grade rating BBB- (stable) by Fitch
- Cromwell owns 28% of CEREIT, its largest investment, demonstrating strong alignment with Unitholders



**€2.3 BILLION<sup>2</sup>**  
DIVERSIFIED PORTFOLIO



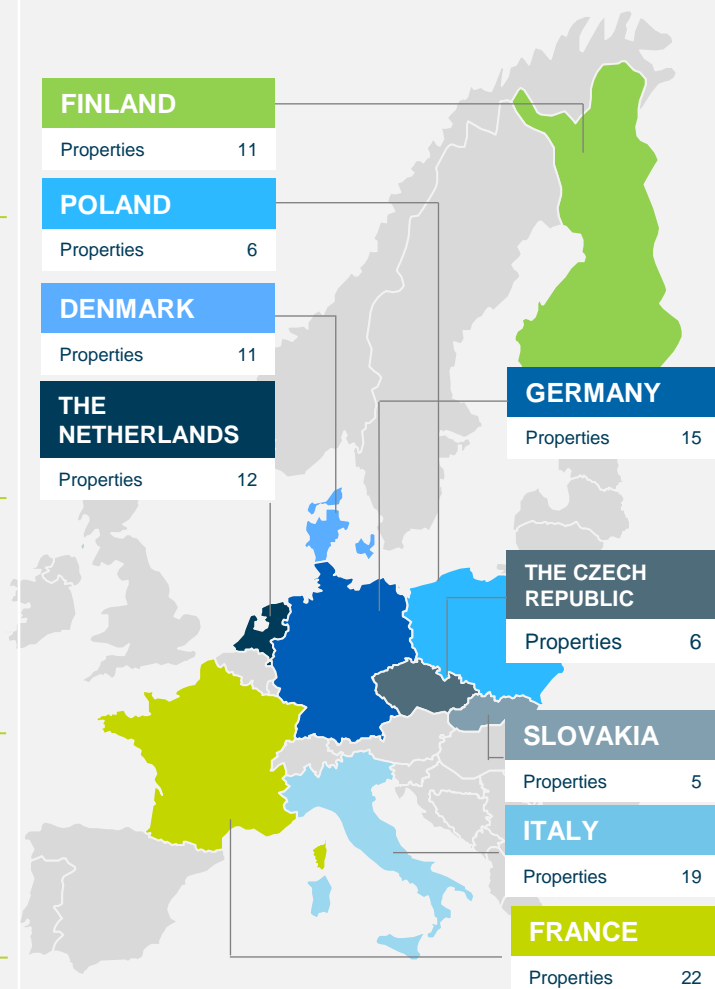
**108**  
PRIMARILY FREEHOLD  
PROPERTIES



**9**  
EUROPEAN  
COUNTRIES



**1.7 million sqm**  
NET LETTABLE AREA



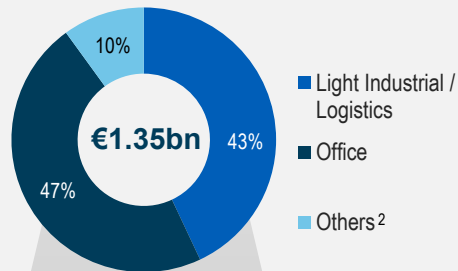
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# Resilience through Diversification

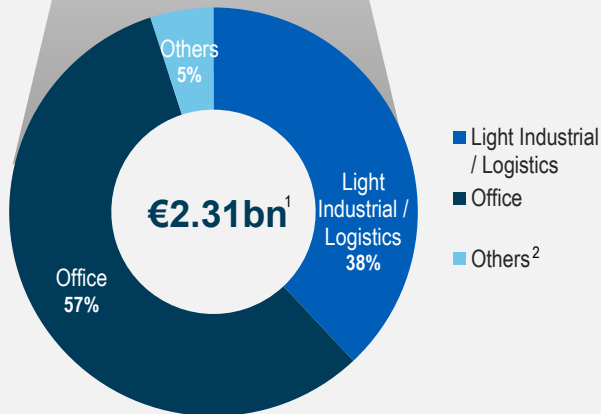
More than 70% growth in portfolio since IPO

## Portfolio breakdown by asset class

At IPO

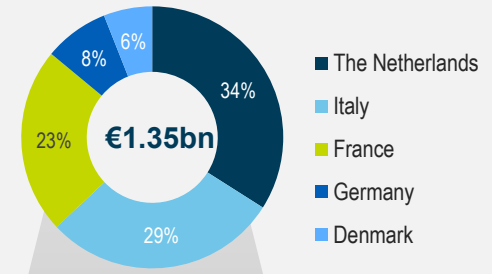


As at 4 June 2021

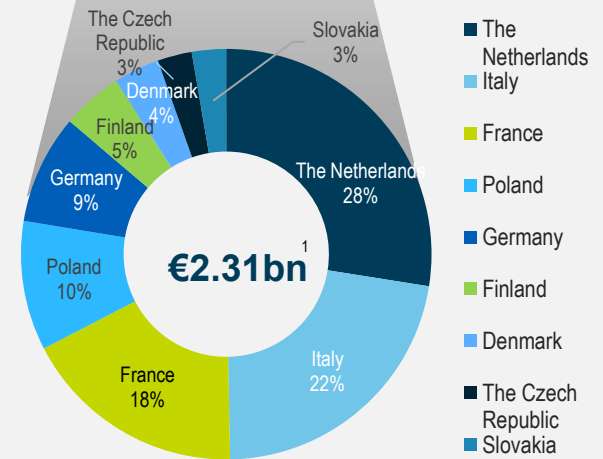


## Portfolio breakdown by geography

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2. Others include three government-let campuses, one leisure / retail property and one hotel in Italy

# ESG Deeply Embedded in Culture

Committed to achieve sustainability integration in day-to-day management of CEREIF's portfolio and operations



## Economic

Limited impact on CEREIF results from COVID-19  
95.1% occupancy as at the end of FY 2020  
FY 2020 DPU only 3.0% lower YoY on a like-for-like basis

## Governance

Ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in Singapore Governance and Transparency Index and 10<sup>th</sup> in Governance Index for Trusts out of 45 REITs and business trusts  
Senior management has specific ESG-linked KPIs<sup>1</sup>

## Stakeholders

71% tenant-customer satisfaction (69% in 2019), 58% increase in participation rate  
Dialogue with > 1,800 investors and analysts through ~140 virtual and physical meetings and forums  
Helped raise >\$80,000 for community partners

## People

Employee engagement score of 89%  
50% female employees achieved  
Six-fold Increase in training hours per employee

## Environment

22 BREEAM<sup>2</sup> certifications (as compared to 11 as at 31 December 2019 +2 more expected in 1H 2021) and one LEED<sup>3</sup> certification

## 2020 GRESB rating

- **9%YoY increase**
- (73 points, up from 67 points the year before)
- **2nd** among Singapore-listed peers in Public Disclosure Assessment
- **8th** among 26 'Diversified – Office / Industrial (Europe)' peers

## Outperformed

majority of peers in Europe and Asia; attained higher than average scores in a group comprising 83 listed entities in Europe



## Largely achieved or exceeded all FY 2020 targets

### Sponsor's ESG Ratings

- EPRA / Nareit index-included Cromwell is a leader in ESG
- GRESB score of 87 with a five-star performance
- AA MSCI ESG rating
- 9.9 Sustainalytics risk rating (negligible risk)

### CEREIF's ESG 2021 Major Commitments

- Set path to to Long-term Targets Aligned with the EU's Commitment to the Paris Agreement
- Improve CEREIF's ranking in relevant Singapore and global ESG ratings

# CEREIT's Performance in 1Q 2021

Active asset management de-risking the portfolio, protecting income and reducing costs


## 1Q 2021 headline financials


 **€30.8 million**  
1Q 2021 NPI  
0.4% down YoY

 **€21.7 million**  
1Q 2021 DI  
6.5% down YoY

 **€0.827 cent**  
1Q 2021 available distributable income per unit  
9.1% down YoY

## Capital management


 **38.5%**  
aggregate leverage  
Within Board-approved range (35 – 40%)

 **c.1.72% p.a.**  
All-in interest rate  
Total gross debt is fully hedged / fixed

 **€200 million**  
bond tap  
WADE is c. 4 years

## Portfolio and leasing highlights


 **94.6%**  
portfolio occupancy  
Down from 95.1% as at end December 2020

 **-1.3%**  
rent reversion<sup>1</sup>  
Impact of COVID-19 on rent reversion in 'office' and 'other' sectors

 **4.8-year**  
WALE<sup>2</sup>  
3.3-year WALB<sup>2</sup>

 **31.4%**  
exposure to top 10 tenant-customers<sup>3</sup>  
Top 10 tenant-customers' WALE<sup>2</sup> is 6.3 years

 **59%**  
of lease expiries de-risked  
up to September 2021

 **94%**  
Cash collection rate  
From February 2020 to April 2021

# Key Capital Management Initiatives

From  
2020

## Manager and property manager fees paid in cash

- Unitholder value is preserved over the long term
- No dilution of DPU and NAV per Unit
- No retained earnings deficit when fees are paid in Units

From  
4 Mar  
2021

## Distribution reinvestment plan (“DRP”) activated for 2H2020

- Unitholders can acquire new Units at a preferential price (2% discount) with nil transaction costs
- Important capital management tool as S-REITs typically pay out 100% of earnings

4 Mar  
2021

## €100 million private placement

- Proceeds used to partially fund €165.8 million of high-yielding logistics assets and provide c. €50 million of debt headroom for further acquisitions
- Final book was well-covered in a challenging market with a good mix of new and existing investors
- Post-placement free float is 72% (up from 69%), bringing CEREIT closer to major index inclusion

7 May  
2021

## 5:1 Unit consolidation

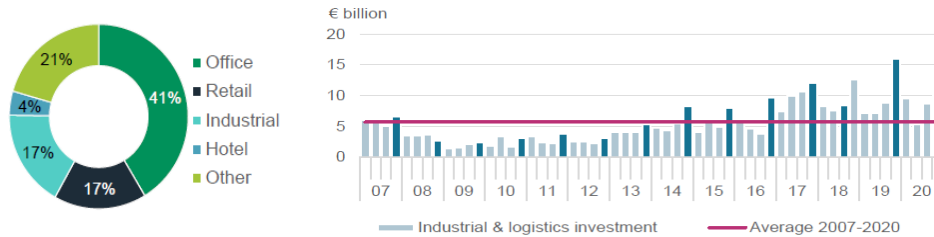
- Reduction in the magnitude of fluctuation with regard-to the trading of Units
- Transaction costs relative to the trading price are expected to fall significantly
- Expected improvement in liquidity and investor demand
- Lower brokerage trading costs to investors
- Post-consolidation FY 2020 illustrative DPU = €17.42 cents (5 x FY 2020 Actual DPU €3.484 cents)
- Post-consolidation March 2021 NAV = €2.445 / Unit (5 x 1Q 2021 Actual NAV €48.9 cents / Unit)

# Investors Pivot Towards Logistics

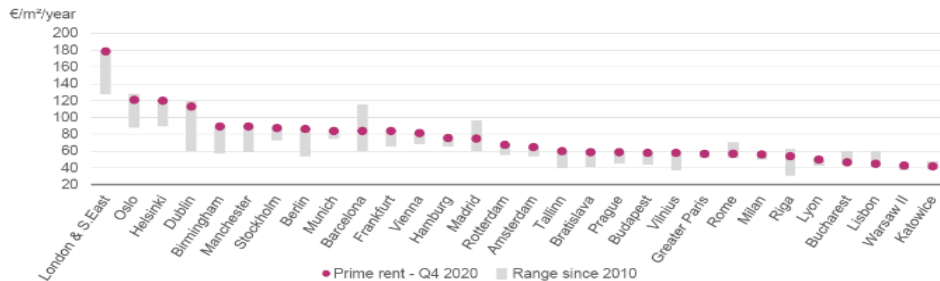
Strong investment volumes as compared to other asset classes, reaching €38 billion in 2020

- The share of industrial real estate transactions continues to grow, increasing from 18% in 4Q 2020 to 20% in 1Q 2021, which equates to €14.5 billion
- 4Q 2020 logistics rent up 1.9% YoY, with rents in most cities at ten-year highs
- Net prime yields declined 25bps in 4Q 2020 versus 4Q 2019, reflecting investor demand
- The office sector has shown weaker volumes, falling from 41% of 2020 transactions to 27% of 1Q 2021

## 2020 Investment volumes (€ billion)

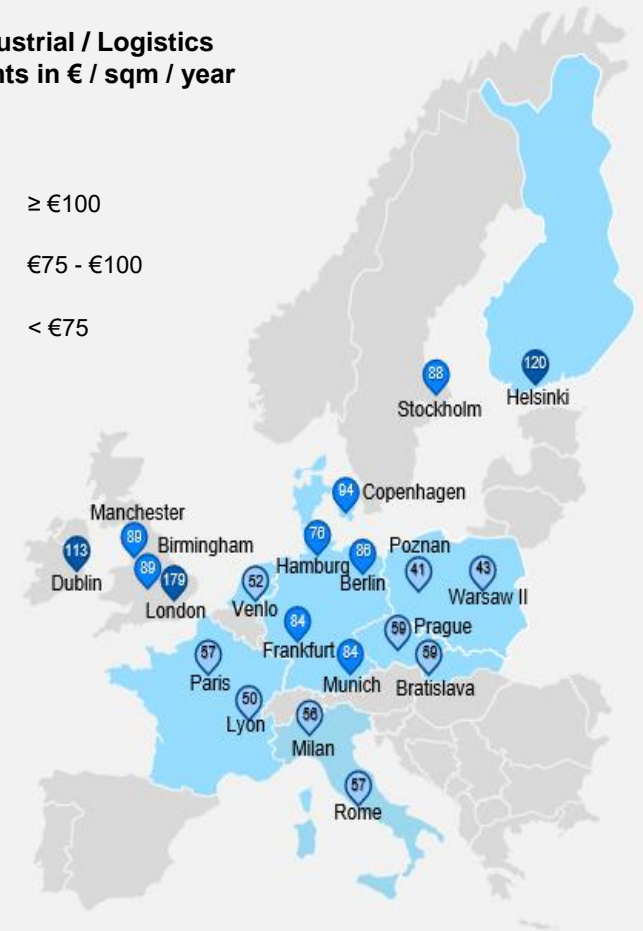


## Prime Headline Rents



## Industrial / Logistics Rents in € / sqm / year

- ≥ €100
- €75 - €100
- < €75



# Focus on Logistics Acquisitions since FY 2020

Completed ~€230 million (6.7% blended NOI yield) light industrial / logistics acquisitions since the beginning of 2020

## Germany

Three light industrial / logistics assets  
**€38.0 million**



Light industrial / logistics asset  
**€16.4 million**



- **6.2% NOI yield:** Purchase price 4% below market value and €10.9 million below estimated replacement cost (excluding land)
- **Secure, long-dated, growing income stream:** 15-year, 100% index linked, triple-net leases to a strong covenant
- **6.3% NOI yield:** Purchase price 10.5% below the independent valuation and ~50% below estimated replacement cost
- **Fully let** to a single tenant-customer (grocery logistics industry) until 2024

## Italy

Intermodal large scale freehold logistics park  
**€52.6 million**



- **7.4% NOI yield:** Purchase price 3.5% below the independent valuation and ~33% below estimated replacement cost
- **High occupancy and a diverse tenant-customer base:** Asset is over 99% let to 24 different occupiers

## The Czech Republic and Slovakia

Portfolio of 11 light industrial / logistics assets  
**€113.2 million**



- **6.7% NOI yield:** Purchase price 2.1% below the independent valuation
- **Freehold, high occupancy and long WALE profile:** almost 100% occupied by 17 tenant-customers, mostly in logistics, and have an average WALE of 6.2 year
- Approximately 140,700 sqm of permitted development land opportunities in three existing assets

Modern freehold logistics asset  
**€10.1 million**



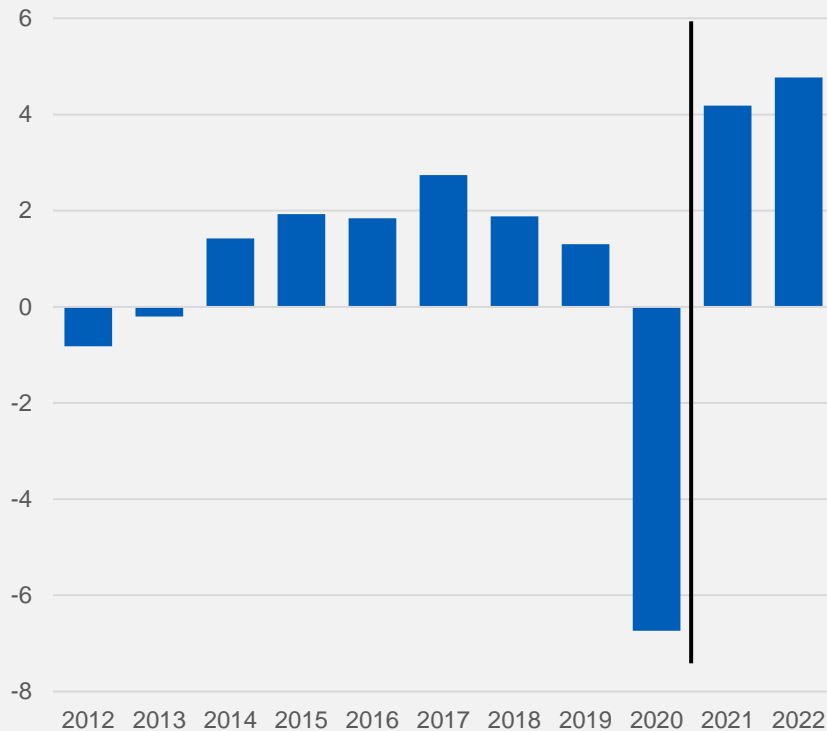
- **6.4% NOI yield:** Purchase price 1 – 3% below the two independent valuations
- **97.3% occupancy and 6.5 years WALE:** backed by three strong tenant-customers



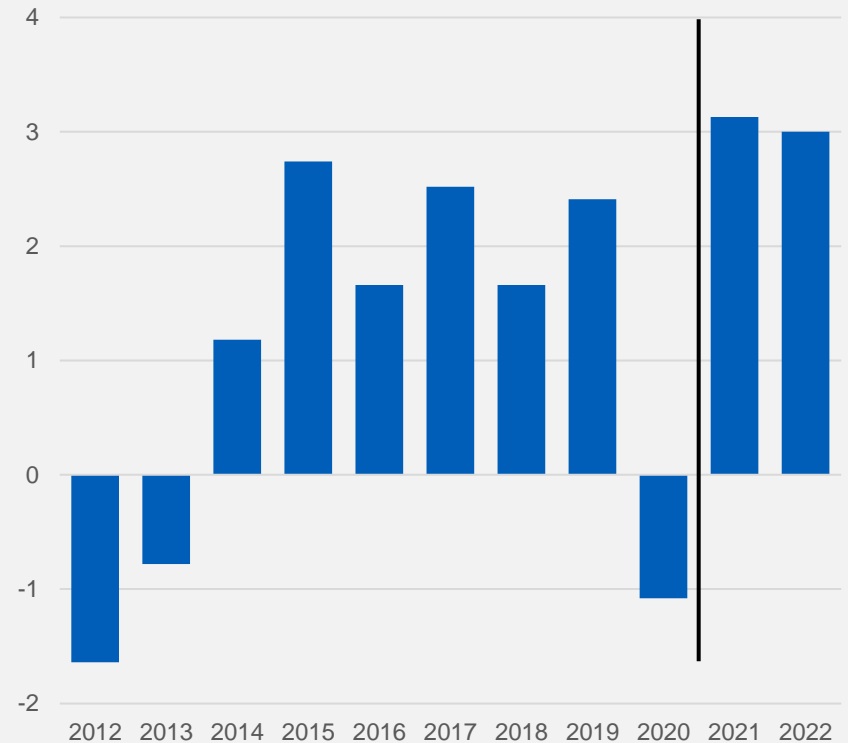
# Eurozone GDP to recover in the second half of 2021

Consumer spending to drive economic recovery

## Eurozone GDP growth (% y/y)



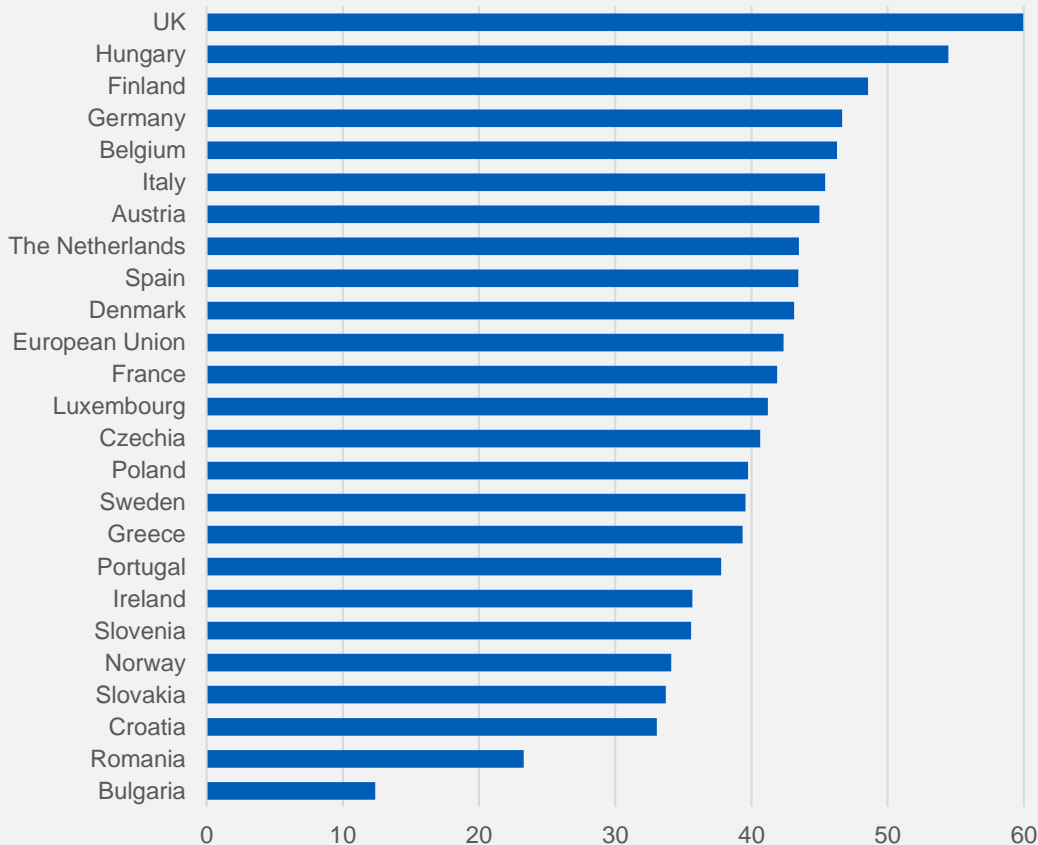
## Eurozone retail sales growth (% y/y)



# COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout in Europe

Slower than expected vaccination process across Europe

Number of people who have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine (% of Population)



- The vaccination process had a slow start with the majority of countries vaccinating less than 50% of their population by the end of May.
- However, the pace of the vaccination programme has accelerated and the EU is ahead of its target of vaccinating 70% of adults by the September.
- Some countries, such as the UK and Italy, have started to ease restrictions.
- Other countries are expected to follow suit and relax public health restrictions in the coming weeks.

# Management Focus and Outlook for 2021

Beyond the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, key focus is to lift light industrial / logistics exposure

## Active asset management

- Continued tenant-customer engagement initiatives to manage occupancy
- Proactively lease current vacancies and renew 2021 expiries (ahead of time)
- Aim for CPI-linked rental growth and positive rent reversions (especially in logistics)

## Execute investment strategy and progress development opportunities

- Further rebalance portfolio through:
  - Increasing exposure to logistics towards 50%
  - Exploring U.K. logistics opportunities in a post-Brexit environment
  - Divesting a number of office and other non-strategic assets
  - Progressing key redevelopment opportunities in Paris, Amsterdam and Milan

## Capitalise on transformed capital structure

- Opportunity to further tap €1.5 billion EMTN bond programme or further diversify funding sources
- 'BBB- stable' investment grade credit rating from Fitch supports future funding

## 2021 outlook

- Extended COVID-19 lockdowns are causing near-term impact on confidence in tenant-customers as the safety net of government support programs are expected to unwind
- Light industrial / logistics sector strong fundamentals positions it as one of the most resilient as global trade picks up and the structural shift towards ecommerce support space demand
- Office occupier decision making remains cautious as 2021 unfolds as larger companies look for space efficiencies to save costs in a "double dip" recession
- Eurozone is not expected to return to pre-crisis levels until 2022. However, the long term value proposition of European commercial real estate remains intact

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