



Press release

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e-shelter secures long-term EUR 229 million financing on the financial market

UniCredit Bank AG, Bayerische Landesbank and Deutsche Pfandbriefbank AG provided e-shelter EUR 229 million at the end of November. The funds are used to refinance expiring loans as well as to finance additional growth at the Frankfurt and Berlin sites.

As mandated lead arranger, UniCredit Bank AG structured the financing and will act as facility agent for the term of the loan. As co-arrangers, Bayerische Landesbank and Deutsche Pfandbriefbank AG were involved in the structuring.

As such, e-shelter was able not only to secure long-term financing for the further development of its business, but also to attract a new investor and business partner. With the American private equity firm ABRY Partners LLC, based in Boston, e-shelter has a partner who will continue to push ahead with the growth strategy of e-shelter. In June this year, e-shelter opened its first data centre in Switzerland located near Zurich. The financing was arranged by UniCredit Bank AG and provided by a syndicate of banks.

Dr. Daniel Kloss, Head of Specialised Lending in Corporate and Investment Banking at UniCredit says: "We are pleased that this club of banks is a reliable partner even in the current difficult environment on the financial markets. We consider this transaction as a milestone in the financing of data centres still being a relatively new asset class in Germany."

Rupprecht Rittweger, founder and managing shareholder of e-shelter, says: " We are delighted at the commitment shown by our banks and by ABRY Partners. This investment will allow us to move forward quickly with the development of new sites. In addition to our new facility in

Rüsselsheim, which will meet the latest technological standards in terms of cooling and energy efficiency, we are also planning further centers in Berlin and Munich.”

Reinhold Güntner, Head of Real Estate Finance Germany at pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank says: “With this complex and most interesting transaction, pbb has successfully entered into the financing of a new asset class.”

Georg Jewgrafow, head of BayernLB's Real Estate Division, added: "BayernLB brought many years of experience in the real estate sector to the table on this large-scale transaction. Financing data centers is not an everyday occurrence and demands not only an understanding of IT facilities but also significant experience in structuring".

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About e-shelter:

e-shelter plans, builds and operates high-availability data centers whose infrastructure provides the highest level of physical security and operational reliability. At its main site in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, e-shelter has created a 60,000 square-meter campus for high-availability environments – Europe’s largest single data-center site. e-shelter was founded in 2000 and also has locations in Berlin, Munich, Hamburg and Zurich. The company is currently developing further centers in London, Berlin and Frankfurt. Its customers include financial-services and telecommunications companies as well as IT service providers. For further information on e-shelter, visit www.e-shelter.com.

About UniCredit Corporate & Investment Banking:

UniCredit is a solid European commercial bank, with leadership positions in Italy, Germany, Austria and Poland and a strong presence in other high-growth CEE countries. We are one of the largest European networks with almost 10,000 branches and more than 35 mn active customers. With approx. 9,500 professionals in nearly 50 countries, Corporate & Investment Banking serves corporate and institutional clients out of the largest group of network banks in Western, Central and Eastern Europe. Committed to long-term partnerships with clients across all sectors, our relationship managers and product specialists

create tailor-made solutions in a strategic dialogue with our clients and according to the three pillars of our mission:

- Corporate Banking and Transaction Services
- Structured Finance, Capital Markets and Investment Products
- Access to Western, Central and Eastern Europe

About Bayerische Landesbank:

The real estate sector traditionally forms one of the core areas of Bayern LB, based in Munich. Long-term commercial real estate finance and real estate services form the centre of the offer for real estate customers, focussing on the domestic market of Germany as well as selected neighbouring European countries.

About pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank:

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