



## Press Release

### **pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank and SEB arranged a SEK 2.114 billion facility for Cornerstone's Nordic Retail Fund to refinance a Swedish retail portfolio**

**Munich/London/Stockholm, 2 September 2013** – pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank and Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) ("SEB") acted as joint mandated Lead Arrangers in providing a SEK 2.114 billion (approx. € 240 million) refinancing facility to NRF Sweden Holding AB, a company ultimately owned by Cornerstone's €1 billion Nordic Retail Fund. The refinancing is for a Swedish retail portfolio. Both banks have equal shares in the underwriting of this transaction, and SEB also acts as Facility and Security Agent in this transaction, which closed on July 22, 2013.

The retail portfolio, which is asset managed by Cornerstone, consists of well located retail shopping centres and shopping galleries, in 11 different locations, primarily in central and Southern Sweden.

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**Nordic Retail Fund FCP – FIS** is a closed-ended collective investment property fund investing in retail property assets located in Finland and Sweden. The fund is established in Luxembourg under the supervision of the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier and it is advised by Cornerstone Europe.

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