Press Release



pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank provides SEK 150 million financing to PURetail Sweden AB

Munich/Stockholm, 24 June 2014 – pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank provided SEK 150 million (approx. € 17 million) financing to PURetail Sweden AB. The funds will be used for the financing of three retail properties of 8,790 m² located in the center of the Swedish University City, Linköping. They were acquired in late 2012. The loan agreement was signed in May 2014 and disbursement will take place during the second quarter of 2014.

The properties are all located on Tanneforsgatan, a AAA retail pedestrian area in the city center of Linköping, the fifth largest city in Sweden, with 146,000 inhabitants (ranked number 5 in Sweden). The properties host well known Nordic brands like Indiska and Gina Tricot. PURetail Sweden AB is a part of the PAN-EUROPEAN URBAN RETAIL FUND managed by Scottish Widows Investment Partnership Ltd (SWIP), now part of Aberdeen Asset Management and LFF Real Estate Partners Germany Ltd (LFF REP).

Norbert Müller, Head of Real Estate Finance Continental Europe West at pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank, said: "I'm happy to see that with this transaction we broaden our Nordic client base."

David Rendall, Managing Director at LFF REP, said: "We have a long standing relationship with pbb and are delighted that they were able to support us on the refinancing of our first acquisition for the PURetail Fund in Sweden."

Robert Matthews, Head of International Property & Strategy at Aberdeen Asset Management, said: "We were delighted to work with pbb in Sweden and the agreed financing will help the team further implement the investment strategy for the PURetail fund and source additional quality retail properties in Sweden, Germany and France, markets which we continue to believe offer strong long term investment fundamentals."

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