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**pbb, Helaba and ING Bank provide Rockcastle € 67 million loan for Zielona Gora shopping centre in Poland**

**Munich/Frankfurt/Warsaw/London, 22 February 2017** – pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank, Helaba and ING Bank have jointly underwritten an increase to an investment facility, totalling €67 million, to refinance Focus Mall Zielona Gora in Poland. This facility is in addition to a € 164 million facility granted by the same banking consortium in 2016, for the Karolinka, Pogoria and Platan Shopping Centres in Poland. The assets are owned by Rockcastle Global Real Estate Company Limited. The transaction closed in February 2017.

pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank, Helaba and ING Bank are acting as Joint Lead Arrangers providing equal portions of the funding, with pbb acting as facility and security agent of the transaction.

Opened for trading in 2008, the 28,800m<sup>2</sup> GLA with over 100 retail and service units Focus Mall is the largest and most recognized retail destination in the city of Zielona Góra. Zielona Góra, also known as the Wine Borough, is the capital of Lubuskie voivodeship located by the crossroads of international expressways and rail routes connecting Scandinavia with the southern part of Europe and Warsaw with Berlin.

With an annual footfall of over 5.2 million, Focus Mall is the most frequently visited retail property in the region populated by 250,000 people. The shopping centre is tenanted by strong retailers including Bershka, CCC, Cinema City, H&M, Reserved and Rossmann.

The site allows for a shopping centre GLA extension of at least 12,000m<sup>2</sup> which is driven by high tenant and customers demand.

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### About Rockcastle

Rockcastle ([www.rockcastleglobal.com](http://www.rockcastleglobal.com)) is a company listed on both the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (South Africa) and the Stock Exchange of Mauritius with the primary objective of investing in global real estate assets and companies that have high growth prospects. Its investments comprise global real estate securities and a portfolio of direct property assets, which are owned and managed by the company including commercial property development projects, existing properties and real estate companies. Rockcastle concluded seven significant property investments in Central Europe to date and intends to continue increasing its exposure and asset base in Poland and CEE for the foreseeable future.

### About pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank

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In addition to Germany, the main business focus is on the UK, France, the Nordic countries and selected countries in Central and Eastern Europe. In these core markets, pbb offers its customers a strong local presence with expert knowledge across the whole spectrum of the financing process. As a result of its competencies in loan structuring, its cross-border approach and co-operation with funding partners, pbb is able to complete both complex financings and cross-border transactions.

### About Helaba

Helaba is a German Landesbank headquartered in Frankfurt and Erfurt and at important financial centres worldwide. As a balance-sheet lender with a sustainable business model, real estate business is focused on commercial properties in Germany, Europe and the US. Helaba started business in Central Europe in 2006. The bank finances office, retail and logistics properties in Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia for institutional investors.  
<http://realestatefinance.helaba.com>

### About ING Real Estate Finance

ING is a global financial institution with a strong European base, offering banking services through its operating company ING Bank. The purpose of ING Bank is empowering people to stay a step ahead in life and in business. ING Bank's 52,000 employees offer retail and wholesale banking services to customers in over 40 countries. ING Group shares are listed on the exchanges of Amsterdam (INGA AS, ING.AS), Brussels and on the New York Stock Exchange (ADRs: ING US, ING.N). ING Real Estate Finance is part of ING Bank and one of the leading commercial real estate financiers with a portfolio of approx. EUR 30 billion. We provide global coverage to clients from offices throughout Europe, US and Asia. Sustainability forms an integral part of ING's strategy, which is evidenced by the number one position among 395 banks ranked by Sustainalytics. ING Group shares are being included in the FTSE4Good index and in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (Europe and World) where ING is among the leaders in the Banks industry group.