

# Press release

## AXA IM Alts announces its first investment into the Spanish healthcare market with a care home development in Zaragoza

AXA IM Alts, a global leader in alternative investments with c.  $\leq$ 184 billion of assets under management<sup>[1]</sup>, announces its entry to the Spanish healthcare market, focusing on the development of best-in-class ESG-compliant care home assets. The debut investment, on behalf of clients, comprises the development of a healthcare complex in Zaragoza, Spain.

As part of AXA IM Alts' longer-term strategy targeting the sector, the first investment will see the development of a 12,600 sqm state-of-the-art health facility in Zaragoza, the capital of Spain's Aragon region, and will include 270-beds in total across a nursing home and mental health clinic, alongside a separate day care centre on site. Grupo Lar has been retained as developer and will also support in sourcing suitable land for further opportunities, as well as pre-leasing approved schemes to leading operators and managing the completed developments.

The asset is due to be delivered in Q4 2025 and has been pre-let on a long-term lease to Grupo Mimara, an experienced elderly care home operator with 13 residences across Spain. The centrally located and well-connected plot benefits from a strong local catchment with limited competing offerings.

AXA IM Alts aims to build a Spanish healthcare portfolio, responding to a clear gap in the incipient market for quality purposebuilt specialist care assets delivered to the highest sustainability standards. This transaction enables AXA IM Alts to expand its real estate exposure in Spain into the healthcare sector whilst building on the business' existing healthcare expertise and portfolio of  $\leq 2.6$  billion of assets under management globally<sup>[2]</sup>.

**Esther Escapa, Head of Transactions & Development Iberia at AXA IM Alts commented:** "The healthcare asset class in Spain is highly fragmented with low volumes of institutional participation and acute undersupply. We see an opportunity for AXA IM Alts to leverage its track record in the sector to become a leading investor in this market. We hold a strong conviction in healthcare real estate given the demographic trends underpinning it, which have become increasingly pronounced in Spain as the aging population expands, without the supply to accommodate it. Through our dedicated new strategy we will aim to fulfil a clear gap in the market and provide purpose-built, high quality and ESG compliant real estate solutions for healthcare operators across Spain."

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1. Source: AXA IM Alts unaudited data as at end of June 2022

<sup>2.</sup> Source: AXA IM Alts unaudited data as at end of September 2022



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AXA IM Alts is a global leader in alternative investments with c.  $\leq$ 184 billion of assets under management<sup>[1]</sup> comprising c. $\leq$ 88 billion of primarily private real estate, over  $\leq$ 85 billion of private debt and alternative credit, as well as over  $\leq$ 11 billion in Infrastructure, private equity and hedge funds. We take a 360° approach to real assets (real estate & infrastructure) investing with over  $\leq$ 131 billion of assets under management in direct opportunities, held indirectly through debt and listed equities and via long term private equity investments into operating platforms. ESG is fully integrated into our investment decision making processes with our responsible investment approach anchored by the three key pillars of decarbonisation, resilience and building tomorrow. AXA IM Alts employs over 800 people located in 17 offices around the world and serves the needs of more than 500 clients from Europe, North America, Asia Pacific and Middle East. We are the number one property portfolio and asset manager in Europe<sup>[2]</sup>, and one of the largest worldwide.

1 Source: AXA IM – Real Assets data (unaudited) as of 30 June 2022.

2 Source: IPE Top 150 Real Estate Investment Managers, November/December 2021. #1 real estate investment manager in Europe based on total European real estate assets under management.

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