

PRESS RELEASE

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AEW Europe first asset manager to confirm Day One adoption of new 'Sustainability Impact' label under Sustainability Disclosure Requirements regime

AEW Europe, one of the world's leading real estate investment and asset managers¹, announces that it will be one of the first asset managers to adopt the new **'Sustainability Impact' label**, under the Financial Conduct Authority's ("FCA") voluntary Sustainability Disclosure Requirements ("SDR") regime, for its **UK impact strategy**, starting 31 July 2024, the earliest date that such labels are available for use.

The FCA introduced four new labels for strategies with sustainable characteristics under the SDR regime in 2023: Sustainability Focus, Sustainability Improvers, Sustainability Impact and Sustainability Mixed Goals. Working closely with Eversheds Sutherland, AEW Europe has cleared the FCA authorisation process for the adoption of new disclosures and will adopt the 'Sustainability Impact' label on the first day that it is available.

Under the 'Sustainability Impact' label requirements, AEW Europe's UK impact strategy is committed to achieving sustainability and impact objectives. The strategy has adopted a bespoke Impact Management & Measurement (IMM) system, created in conjunction with The Good Economy, which is designed to align with the best principles of impact investing, requirements of the Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN) and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. KPIs that measure the progress of the impact objectives will be reported to investors in a bespoke independent annual impact report.



The impact assets include specialist supported living, key worker accommodation and care homes, together with community and residential-led town centre regeneration projects that influence wellbeing.

The goal of the strategy is to make a positive impact by addressing the place-based needs of the UK, increasing the provision of sustainable real estate with a social use value. This includes residential housing, care facilities, nurseries and leisure and community facilities. The strategy has an active management, core-style strategy and seeks to generate a sustainable income stream over the long term.

Edward Long, Portfolio Manager at AEW Europe, commented: *"Our UK impact strategy is committed to creating a positive impact for people, place and planet. We have worked closely over the past two years with The Good Economy, Eversheds Sutherland and the FCA to align with the SDR regime, seeking to ensure that the place-based impact investing strategy we have adopted meets the new stringent criteria. Our thanks to all our partners for their commitment to this project which allowed AEW Europe to be among the first to adopt the new 'Sustainability Impact' label."*

¹ Source: Institutional Real Estate Inc, Global Investment Managers 2023 Special Report.

Photo: The Residences hospital accommodation, Middlesbrough

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About AEW

AEW is one of the world's largest real estate asset managers, with €78.8bn of assets under management as at 31 March 2024². AEW has over 910 employees, with its main offices located in Boston, London, Paris and Singapore and offers a wide range of real estate investment products including comingled funds, separate accounts and securities mandates across the full spectrum of investment strategies. AEW represents the real estate asset management platform of Natixis Investment Managers, one of the largest asset managers in the world.

As at 31 March 2024, AEW managed €37.2bn of real estate assets in Europe on behalf of a number of funds and separate accounts. AEW has 515 employees based in 11 offices across Europe and has a long track record of successfully implementing Core, Value-Add and Opportunistic investment strategies on behalf of its clients. In the last five years, AEW has invested and divested a total volume of almost €18.5bn of real estate across European markets.

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