

Press Release

Deutsche Investment Charts its Course for the Future

○ Hamburg, 15 October 2021

- Conversion to a public limited AIFM company
- Senior executive level staffed with Dirk Meißner (chair), Simon Graf and Andreas Rakel
- New supervisory board set up: Andreas Lehner (chair), Cornelia Thaler and Ulrich Jacke
- A “new” Deutsche Investment – brand relaunch for the group of companies

Deutsche Investment has completed its conversion into a public limited AIFM company. The non-listed public limited company chose to change its legal form to strengthen its own basis without restructuring its ownership by Enver Büyükarıslan, the company’s main shareholder. The management board level was organised as follows: Dirk Meissner is the CEO of Deutsche Investment Kapitalverwaltung AG, joined at the executive level by fellow board members Simon Graf and Andreas Rakel.

Dirk Meissner has served in senior positions in the real estate industry for more than 20 years. Between 2011 and 2020, he worked for the ZBI Group, eventually becoming CEO of ZBI Fondsmanagement AG, the group’s AIF management arm, before transferring to Deutsche Investment as its managing director. Previous career stations of Simon Graf included HSH Real Estate AG, Patrizia GewerbeInvest and most recently the DSK-BIG Group where he served as CFO. Having played a role in the set-up of Deutsche Investment over a six-year period, he returned to the company as its managing director in August. In October, Andreas Rakel brought the management board up to full strength, and now heads the Risk Management unit. Andreas Rakel has been active in real estate and investment management since 2013, eventually holding a senior position within the PATRIZIA Group before joining Deutsche Investment in 2020.

Senior staff changes also took place on the supervisory board of Deutsche Investment. Since 1 September, the supervisory body of Deutsche Investment has been composed of a team of real estate experts, chaired by Andreas Lehner. Andreas Lehner is an independent partner of Hohlbein & Cie. Consulting, where he heads the Investment Capital Structuring/Fundraising unit. As former CEO of Deutsche Wohnen, he steered Deutsche Wohnen away from Deutsche Bank by reorganising its shareholding side, and created the prerequisites for turning Deutsche Wohnen into a listed residential investment platform. Cornelia Thaler has assumed the position of Deputy Chair of the Supervisory Board. She is a partner at the international law firm of Willkie Farr & Gallagher and in her role as Head of Real Estate specialises in advising property owners, developers, investors and banks on complex real estate issues. Among other positions, she was a partner at Clifford Chance for more than 24 years. The board is completed by Ulrich Jacke FRICS, former member of the management board and shareholder of Dr. Lübke & Kelber GmbH. He jointly led the company from 1999 until the end of his professional career in 2019. He has been a member of the RICS professional body since 1994, serving as its board chairman in 2008-2009.



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“Deutsche Investment has undergone a fundamental change in recent years. We honed the strategic, financial and human side of our profile. We have now reached the point where we can say: This is the foundation that lets us face a bright future with confidence and pursue our growth strategy with resolve,” said Enver Büyükarlan, the main shareholder of Deutsche Investment Kapitalverwaltung AG.

Deutsche Investment used these changes as an opportunity to reposition its brand. “The significance of changes should be reflected in visible signs. We have shifted our focus to the things that truly matter: our focus on people, our core competence in real estate, and our eyes on the future. Our team combines professional competence with human touch, efficiency with sustainability, and integrity with sympathy. And this is precisely what the new brand image of Deutsche Investment will communicate both internally and externally,” explained Tamara Martin, Head of Marketing & PR at Deutsche Investment Group. The brand relaunch was developed and implemented in collaboration with the BERGWERK Strategie und Marke advertising agency.



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About Deutsche Investment. Investment Manager with End-to-End Real Estate Competence

When it comes to real estate, Deutsche Investment is a reliable partner for institutional investors. As a public limited AIFM company licensed by the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin) and operating under the umbrella of the Deutsche Investment Group, the company employs 230 specialists in six locations to manage c. EUR 2.2 billion worth of assets. In addition to bespoke investment solutions, the real estate specialist offers its investors a fully integrated and highly professional service performance covering anything involving real estate in the asset classes residential, office, local retailing – including the management of funds, assets, transactions, properties, facilities and the property development. The company always aims for sustainability in its activities and for the high standards it set for itself. This way, Deutsche Investment assumes responsibility both for people and for properties, never losing sight of the future. Through its symbiotic approach to thinking and acting, Deutsche Investment ensures that its investors will keep benefiting from sound investments with balanced risk/return potential, that its tenants will occupy well-appointed properties for a great living and working experience, and that its team members excel in a stable work environment.



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