

## Driven Investment on expansion course with strong partners

### Well prepared for the future: Driven is joined by Swiss Life Asset Managers and the Berliner Volksbank as partners to support the long-term growth strategy

**Berlin, 03 March 2020.** Driven Investment has recruited strong partners for its expansion plans in the fields of real estate development and investment. As managing director Togrul Gönden said, Berliner Volksbank and Swiss Life Asset Managers have joined forces with the enterprise to promote investments throughout Germany. Swiss Life Asset Management is one of the leading institutional real estate asset managers in Europe. Berliner Volksbank is one of the largest cooperative banks in Germany specialised in SME clients in Berlin and Brandenburg.

Togrul Gönden explained the strategic partnership with two high-grade enterprises: “The cooperation opens for us the opportunity for engagement on a secure and solid foundation. We plan activities throughout Germany in the field of project development as well as real estate investment. We are well prepared for the future with the years of expertise our partners have and the strengths of our new partners.”

Driven Investment GmbH started in December 2018 as a new dynamic market entrant in the segment project development and investment. Already in September 2020, the office project “Think Campus” in Potsdam, in the immediate vicinity of SAP, will be completed, comprising a total rental area of 11,770 square meters. Driven’s logistics portfolio comprises five properties throughout Germany at four locations with a total useable area of some 130,800 square meters.

As to cooperation with Driven Investment, Carsten Jung, chair of the Berliner Volksbank executive board, explained, “We look forward to supporting Driven with new projects—projects that benefit the economy of the capital region, that will shape the respective locations even in other regions of Germany and that have a long-term perspective. As cooperating partners, we are happy to contribute to success with our experience.”

Stefan Mächler, Group Chief Investment Officer of Swiss Life, said about the cooperation with Driven Investment, “Driven Investment is the right partner with whom to continue together to jointly pursue sustainable development in the real estate market in the field of project development. Here our competencies complement each other perfectly. We look forward to the cooperation and are happy to lend support with our experience and real estate know-how.”

**Driven Investment GmbH**

Driven Investment GmbH was founded in Berlin in December 2018. As a new player in the project development and investment segment, the enterprise started with a logistic portfolio covering all of Germany as well as the development of the Potsdam "Think Campus" (since January 2019). Confidence, transparency and openness are the pillars of the company philosophy. Behind Driven are partners with many years of management experience in the real estate industry. The enterprise's managing director is Togrul Gonden; managing partners are Dr Ingo Holz, Ingo Weiss and Thorsten Krauß.

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