

## Press release

# Helvetica Property Investors AG announces sale of Helvetica I Swiss Real Estate Danmark Fund

**Zurich, November 26, 2014 – Helvetica Property Investors AG “Helvetica“ announces the sale of its Helvetica I Swiss Real Estate Danmark ApS fund to Partners Group on behalf of its clients. The fund holds 14 properties located within the greater areas Zurich and Basel. The transaction’s closing was completed as per November 19, within the fund’s lifetime scheduled until August 2016. The buying entity, Partners Group Cantata S.à.r.l will continue to be managed by Helvetica. Helvetica is therefore proud to announce its new partnership with Partners Group, one of the leading global private markets investment management firms.**

The portfolio consists of 14 attractive properties within the Retail-, Hotel-, and Industrial segment. Since inception in 2007, the fund has generated stable returns to its investors and paid dividends due to sound strategic dispositions, an attractive portfolio mix, solid tenants and currency gain.

Hans R. Holdener, Managing Partner, Helvetica Property Investors AG says: “In Partners Group, we have found a great partner for the next stage of development of this portfolio of assets as well as for our firm moving forward. It makes me feel proud to collaborate with Partners Group, a partner of first choice for any professional Asset Manager”.

Fabian Neuenschwander, Vice President, Private Real Estate, Partners Group, says: “This is another example of Partners Group providing a tailored and complete solution to acquire a portfolio of real estate assets, allowing an exit for existing investors and ensuring time for the full value development of the properties in question. Partners Group looks forward to working closely with Helvetica over the next few years to roll out this next phase of the asset management strategy.”

The purchase agreement was signed on November 5, following closing on November 19 2014. Credit Suisse Private Fund Group, London, acted as advisor. The new investment vehicle will have an expected lifespan until 2019 and will continue to be managed by Helvetica. Helvetica has furthermore accepted Partners Group invitation to co-invest with up to CHF 2 Million.

Hans R. Holdener, Managing Partner, Helvetica Property Investors AG says: „On a relative basis, Swiss real estate has emerged as an attractive asset class for many investors as it combines the



benefit of the competitive and stable Swiss economy with an attractive yield gap, producing attractive risk-adjusted returns.”

Helvetica is optimistic about the Swiss market and considers the prices to be reasonable compared to comparable countries and cities. Switzerland has amongst the world's lowest vacancy rates, a growing economy and a high level of economic and political stability.

### **Helvetica I Swiss Real Estate Danmark Fund**

In 2007 the partners Hans R. Holdener and Thomas C. Holst initiated Swiss Real Estate Danmark ApS, the first real estate fund allowing Norwegian Investors exposure in the Swiss Real Estate Market. The partners raised 650 million kroners from 2500 investors. The fund's ultimate lifespan is until August 2016. The fund invests exclusively in Swiss properties in accordance with clearly defined criteria, focusing primarily on the economic regions of Zurich, Basel and Berne. Its investor base comprises private individuals, commercial enterprises and institutional investors.

### **Helvetica Property**

Helvetica Property Investors is a hands-on real estate asset management firm headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland with offices in Oslo. Helvetica Property offers the full spectrum of real estate investments, including investment strategies, asset selection, deal structuring, acquisitions, financing, portfolio management and dispositions. The firm offers both direct and in-direct real estate investments in Switzerland. Helvetica is independent and owned by its partners.

### **Partners Group**

Partners Group is a global private markets investment management firm with over EUR 33 billion (over USD 40 billion) in investment programs under management in private equity, private real estate, private infrastructure and private debt. The firm manages a broad range of customized portfolios for an international clientele of institutional investors. Partners Group is headquartered in Zug, Switzerland and has offices in San Francisco, Houston, New York, São Paulo, London, Guernsey, Paris, Luxembourg, Milan, Munich, Dubai, Mumbai, Singapore, Shanghai, Seoul, Tokyo and Sydney. The firm employs over 700 people, is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (symbol: PGHN) with a market capitalization of over CHF 6.5 billion (over USD 7 billion) and a major ownership by its partners and employees.

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