

## PRESS RELEASE

## GPEP establishes expert advisory board to strengthen growth strategy

- Support for strategic orientation and corporate development
- Industry insiders and experts from various fields

Limburg | Frankfurt am Main, October 04, 2023 – GPEP, one of the market-leading investment and asset managers for food-anchored real estate, has established a high-caliber advisory board. It will support GPEP in an advisory capacity in the future in order to promote continuous growth. The board is made up of Georg Fahrenschon, Dr. Markus Hofmann, Ralf-Peter Koschny and Carsten Probst, who each bring valuable experience and networks from the real estate industry, the capital market and politics.

Ralf-Peter Koschny is Spokesman of the Management Board of bulwiengesa AG, Hamburg, where he is responsible for the retail, hotel and logistics sectors. A Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (FRICS), he is an active member of numerous associations and organizations related to the retail and real estate sectors. He has excellent contacts in the real estate industry as well as with cities and municipalities.

Former Minister of State Georg Fahrenschon shaped the political landscape for over ten years as a member of the Bundestag and as Bavarian State Minister of Finance. He then led Europe's largest banking association as President of the German Savings Banks and Giro Association (DSGV) from 2012 to 2017. Since 2019, he has been a partner and general representative at WTS Group AG, Munich, one of Germany's leading providers of tax consulting and financial advisory services.

Dr. Markus Hofmann was a member of the Executive Board of various insurance companies in Germany and abroad for over 20 years. For example, at AXA, Allianz, ERGO and most recently at the Provinzial Group. Dr. Hofmann, who holds a doctorate in chemistry, already contributes his expertise as an advisor to Legal Hero GmbH and PropertyExpert GmbH and is a senior expert at Senco Hydrogen Capital. He also supports start-ups and promotes forward-looking sustainability issues, particularly in the field of hydrogen.

Carsten Probst has held various management positions in the alternative investment fund segment at Deka Immobilien and Commerz Real and was a founding partner of HEICO Investment Management. As managing partner of Fundreal, he advises institutional investors and family offices on the launch and management of AIF vehicles with a focus on retail, commercial and residential real estate and is involved in the start-up scene for companies with innovative solutions.

Marcel Fuhr, Managing Partner, emphasizes: "With the Advisory Board, we are gaining valuable know-how and entrepreneurship. The expertise and network of these four personalities will make a decisive contribution to achieving our goals."



Herwart Reip, Managing Partner, adds: "In this challenging economic environment, GPEP remains on the growth path with its investment focus. Supported by the Advisory Board, we will consider expanding and developing new business areas and making targeted use of market opportunities."

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## **About GPEP GmbH**

GPEP GmbH specializes in the asset and investment management of food markets and retail parks with anchor tenants from the food retail sector. For institutional investors and family offices, the independent and owner-managed real estate management company with its team of around 90 experts offers services along the entire value chain. These include acquisition and transaction management, financing, research, fund management, asset management, property management, risk management and sales. Since its foundation in 2014, GPEP has built up a nationwide portfolio with a current volume of around EUR 2 billion and 450 properties.