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ECE with positive shopping center leasing performance in the first half of the year

ECE once again reports positive leasing results for the shopping centers und its management in the first half of 2026: In total, the company leased more than 350,000 m² of space in its centers in the first two quarters signing approx. 1,250 lease contracts. In Germany alone, around 850 lease contracts for over 250,000 m² of space have been signed.

Among these leasing successes are contracts with established partners such as New Yorker, TK Maxx, H&M, and the Bestseller and Inditex groups, as well as lease contracts with expanding international concepts such as Xiaomi, Miniso, and Lager 157.

“We continued to drive leasing in our shopping centers very successfully in the first half of the year,” explains Joanna Fisher, CEO of ECE Marketplaces.

“In a very dynamic retail market, we currently see four trends that are driving momentum in the market and at ECE centers: the growth and cross-border expansion of new international concepts such as Lager 157, Uouorose, and Miniso; the successful development of non-food discount concepts such as Action, Woolworth, or Normal; the appeal of hyped concepts in gastronomy such as Honest Kebap or Cookie Couture; and exciting market entries by strong brands such as the Max Mara Group with Intrend or the Bestseller Group with the JJXX concept.”

About ECE

With a management portfolio of approx. 200 retail real estate assets and activities in eleven countries, ECE is a leading service provider in Europe for the management of shopping centers offering comprehensive expertise and 60 years of experience in the professional operation, marketing and leasing of shopping centers as well as their continuous development into lively marketplaces and future-proof service destinations.

As a full-service provider, ECE offers international shopping center owners – such as stock corporations, investment and pension funds, insurance companies, and family offices – a comprehensive range of services, either individually or as a full package from a single source: from asset and property management to leasing, mall marketing, center and facility management, to financing, design, and construction services, as well as innovative ESG solutions for the sustainable transformation of assets. In addition, ECE operates approx. 70 center-related parking garages throughout Europe and offers numerous services in the areas of parking and mobility.

ECE can draw on the dedication of approx. 2,900 employees, extensive expertise as an operator and developer of complex commercial properties, and the know-how and perspective of the Otto family as owner and investor. In total, ECE manages retail assets worth 28 billion euros, comprising over 17,000 stores and 7 million square meters of leasable space, attracting 3.4 million visitors every day.

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