

# Press Release

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## Helaba Invest expands platform for alternative investments - Successful first closing of HI-Real Estate-Private Debt-Multi Manager-Fonds

**Frankfurt am Main** – Helaba Invest has successfully raised equity of EUR 110 million for the HI-Real Estate-Private Debt-Multi Manager-Fonds in the course of the fund's first closing. "Investments in alternative assets have become a vital element of institutional investors' asset allocation over recent years. That is why, by launching this fund, we are introducing a significant new addition to our product range on our multi manager platform", explains Dr. Dirk Krupper, a member of Helaba Invest's Management Board.

With the current environment of low interest rates set to persist even further, investment opportunities that offer an attractive distribution yield are becoming increasingly important. Given the prevailing climate, real estate credit funds are also taking on an ever more prominent role in the strategic alignment of institutional portfolios. Access to the asset class of real estate private debt by means of a multi manager fund enables investors to gain a rapid and, above all, diversified foothold in this segment.

The HI-Real Estate-Private Debt-Multi Manager-Fonds is a special fund managed by a Luxembourg-based AIFM in the legal form of a Société en Commandite par Actions (S.C.A) with variable capital. Helaba Invest acts as initiator, distributor and investment advisor for the fund. As part of its investment strategy, the fund makes investments in mezzanine and whole loan products, while its investment objective is to establish a portfolio that is diversified across regions and sectors with a focus on European assets. When fully invested, the individual credit risks will be spread throughout a portfolio of between 100 and 150 individual loan commitments. The fund has a target return after costs of 6 to 8 percent p.a. and an expected duration of eight years.

"Our platform for real estate and alternative investments offers investors such as professional pension schemes, occupation pension funds, foundations and credit institutions easy access to diversified revenue streams. This successful closing is confirmation to us that we are able to meet the needs of institutional investors with our focused range of products," says Krupper.

Helaba Invest's USP on the German market remains the consistent alignment of its investment strategy towards specialised, indirect real estate and alternative assets (multi manager).

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### **About Helaba Invest:**

Helaba Invest was founded in 1991 as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Helaba. Since then, it has been responsible within the Helaba Group for the professional management of assets of institutional investors.

Helaba Invest's business strategy is based on the three business areas of "Liquid Assets", "Illiquid Assets" as well as "Administration". With a volume of assets under management of around EUR 155 billion, Helaba Invest is one of the leading capital management companies in the segment of institutional asset management.

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