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EPRA appoints Tobias Steinmann as Director of Public Affairs

Brussels, February 22, 2016: The European Public Real Estate Association (EPRA) has appointed Tobias Steinmann as Director of Public Affairs. He joins EPRA from German chemical firm BASF's Government Relations office in Brussels.

EPRA CEO, Philip Charls, said: "In Tobias Steinmann we have a very capable public affairs professional with intimate knowledge of the EU's policymaking processes. It was clear in our recent extensive Strategy Review survey that respondents considered regulation to be a major potential threat to the listed real estate industry and therefore attach heavy importance to EPRA's lobbying activities."

Before his position with BASF, Steinmann, a German national, worked as a public affairs consultant in several areas of EU policymaking, after a role as parliamentary advisor and head of office for a Member of the European Parliament.

EPRA Director of Public Affairs, Tobias Steinmann, said: "I am looking forward to steering EPRA's efforts to address the numerous legislative initiatives being developed in Brussels and the EU member states. Having gained professional experience inside the European Parliament and corporate lobbying before, I'm confident I can bring the large contribution the listed real estate sector makes to the European economy and its urban landscapes to the attention of EU policy makers."

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About EPRA

The European Public Real Estate Association is the voice of the publicly traded European real estate sector. With more than 215 active members, EPRA represents over EUR 350 billion of real estate assets and 90% of the market capitalisation of the FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Europe Index. Through the provision of better information to investors, improvement of the general operating environment, encouragement of best practices and the cohesion and strengthening of the industry, EPRA works to encourage greater investment in listed real estate companies in Europe.

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