

Press release

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Acerta buys KBC's administrative building at Diestsepoort in Leuven

Bancassurer KBC and HR services group Acerta today signed an agreement for the sale of the KBC building located at Diestsepoort in Leuven. KBC will hand over the building to Acerta at the end of 2011. Both parties have decided not to disclose any further details of the sale.

The Diestsepoort premises currently accommodate 480 employees of various KBC entities, including KBC Lease, certain ICT services and Omnia. KBC's systematic introduction of hot desking and teleworking has freed up space for all of its Diestsepoort activities at two other head office buildings in Leuven (namely the premises at Professor Roger Van Overstraetenplein 2 and at Brusselsesteenweg 100).

Following the sale, the Omnia travel agency and supporting administrative services will relocate to the KBC buildings on Ladeuzeplein and in the Bogaerdenstraat in Leuven.

The availability of these premises provided an excellent opportunity for Acerta to centralise all its services again after having to temporarily accommodate them in various locations in Leuven due to the rapid growth of Acerta Consult and Acerta Public, among other entities. The building's central location and easy accessibility were crucial factors in Acerta's decision, as was the possibility to remain there since the premises would be able to accommodate any future growth. This will allow Acerta to fully develop the potential of its headquarters in Leuven and to provide its customers with even better service.

Specifications and history of the building

The Diestsepoort building comprises three interlinked blocks. It is part of the property portfolio of KBC Insurance (previously ABB Insurance) and has been used continuously by KBC group companies since the merger in 1998. The 15 000m² building has a ground floor and six upper floors, boasts an underground car park with 175 spaces, and is adjacent to Leuven's train and bus station.

About ACERTA

Headquartered in Belgium, Acerta is an HR services group that specialises in advice, computerisation and administration relating to payroll processing, social security, child benefit and establishment formalities. It provides support to businesses at each stage of their growth and in relation to every HR process via Acerta Ondernemingsloket, Acerta Sociaal Verzekeringsfonds, Acerta Sociaal Secretariaat, Acerta Public, Acerta Kinderbijslagfonds and Acerta Consult. Through Acerta Consult and Kern Selection, the group is also active on the recruitment and selection market, as well as in the management and development of human capital. Acerta has more than 1 200 employees in 29 offices in Flanders, Brussels and Wallonia. In 2010, the group had a turnover of 145 million euros.

About KBC

KBC is an integrated bancassurance group that focuses on its six home markets of Belgium, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary and Bulgaria. Its head office is located in Brussels (Belgium), the heart of Europe. The group employs some 54 000 people and caters for approximately 12 million customers, primarily private individuals, private banking clientele, the self-employed, members of the liberal professions, SMEs and midcaps. KBC Group NV is listed on NYSE Euronext Brussels (ticker symbol 'KBC').

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