



PRESS RELEASE

## SILICIUS hires Mayte Forján as Asset Manager for its shopping centres

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**27 April 2020, Madrid** - SILICIUS Real Estate, SOCIMI specialised in the management of rental properties focusing on long term and stable income streams, **has recruited Mayte Forján as Asset Manager** for the Shopping Centres that it has under its administration: Bahía Plaza Shopping Centre in Los Barrios (Cádiz), Thader Shopping Centre in Murcia and La Fira Shopping Centre in Reus (Tarragona).

Mayte Forján has more than 25 years of experience in the management and administration of shopping centres. She has worked for several leading companies in the sector, including Merlin Properties, Unibail Rodamco, CB Richard Ellis and Cushman&Wakefield amongst others. Graduated in Business Administration from Rovira i Virgili University, holds a PDD from IESE Business School and a diploma in evaluation of commercial properties from RICS. She holds the international certificate Shopping Manager (CSM) from the *International Council of Shopping Centers* (ICSC) and she is a member of the Security Committee of the *European Council of Shopping Places* (ECSP).

She has held posts of responsibility in different Shopping Centres such as Parc Central in Tarragona, Vallsur in Valladolid, El Triangle in Barcelona, Barnasud in Gavá (Barcelona), La Fira in Reus (Tarragona), property currently owned by SILICIUS and previously owned by Merlin Properties, and in Almeda Park Business Park in Cornellá (Barcelona).

"My incorporation to SILICIUS as Asset Manager for Shopping Centres means a great professional challenge. The present time is a moment of transformation in the sector and of change in the paradigm of Shopping Centres. We will deal with retailers to obtain a clear and differential position in the management and commercialization of each of our Shopping Centres" says Mayte Forjan.



This incorporation reinforces and completes SILICIUS' management team in a very important moment of growth for the SOCIMI which approved its strategic plan for 2020 in the shareholders' meeting held last February. It aims to exceed a gross value of €1 billion ahead of its stock market debut. SILICIUS is holding negotiations and progressing in several operations that will contribute with equity to a pipeline of assets of €300 million approximately which perfectly fits with its investment policy.

"We want to welcome Mayte in our team. Mayte's experience and professional knowledge guarantee the company's success in the fascinating period of growth we are going through. Her professional profile perfectly complements with the company's management team to create synergy, to help scale the management of assets and to achieve the goals planned for the next exercises" says Juan Diaz de Bustamante, Managing Director of the company.

The business plan approved by the shareholders is based on the **contribution and acquisition of properties that fit with the company's investment policy** to consolidate a diversified portfolio of assets of various types (hotels, offices, commercial properties, logistics and High Street), that generate stable rents, with the aim of reaching a **suitable size and optimal structure**.

SILICIUS closed 2019 increasing its capital in **€320 million**. It has also acquired **prime assets** such as the one located in Calle Carretas 10 in Madrid (future Iberostar Selection Teatro Albéniz), Siemens-Gamesa headquarters in Zamudio Technological Park (Bilbao) or Bahía Plaza Shopping Centre (Cádiz).

## **ABOUT SILICIUS**

SILICIUS is the SOCIMI of the Mazabi's group which specialises in the purchase and active management of Real Estate assets that generate long-term, stable income for its shareholders.

SILICIUS is governed by the following principles: conservative investments over the long term, liquidity of assets, payment of an annual coupon and low leverage (35% "LTV").

SILICIUS counts with 38 assets in its portfolio with a gross value of €650 million.

SILICIUS maintains its goal, before quoting, of growing through monetary and non-monetary contributions and purchase and sale operations, with an up-to-date identified pipeline of €300 million.