

The Supernova Group Announces Acquisition of 6 Cora Shopping Centers from the Louis Delhaize and Galimmo Groups in Romania

Leased to Cora on a Long-term Basis

December 22nd 2021. After entering the Romanian market last year by acquiring Jupiter City Shopping Center in Pitesti, the Austrian Supernova Group has successfully continued its expansion in the Romanian market by acquiring six Cora shopping centers from the Louis Delhaize and Galimmo Groups, owner of the Cora hypermarkets. Supernova Group, one of the leading private real-estate companies focused on high quality retail properties in Central and Eastern Europe, plans to hold the centers in its portfolio and will upgrade the already highly performing centers at excellent locations in Bucharest, Bacău, Constanta and Drobeta over the next several years.

Under the new ownership, the shopping centers Bucharest Cora Alexandriei, Bucharest Cora Lujerului, Bucharest Cora Pantelimon, Cora Bacău, Cora Brătianu (Constanta) and Cora Drobeta Turnu Severin, totaling approximately 140,000 square meters, will be rebranded as Supernova shopping centers, while Cora will remain the food anchor tenant. The overall tenant mix, and the offer and facilities of the centers, will also be enhanced.

"I am pleased that the strong development of our group continues and that we can now also achieve a significant market presence in Romania. Cora is an important partner with great projects in very attractive locations. We are confident that together we can improve all of the centers in the near future and make them even better." said **Frank Philipp Albert, owner of Supernova Group.**

The transaction has no impact on the commercial operations of Cora, which will continue as before, operating with hypermarket formats and providing Romanian consumers with a wide range of products and services, both offline and online. All 10 Cora hypermarkets in Romania will continue to be operated by Romania Hypermarche, a Louis Delhaize subsidiary.

"This is a pure sale and leaseback operation, which opens a new chapter in Cora's local history as it gives us the opportunity to further develop our commercial footprint. We took this decision after thoroughly assessing our real estate assets in Romania and we see it as an important leverage for further local development. We welcome the deal with Supernova, and we are

*confident that they are the right partner for Cora. We will continue to operate our hypermarkets in the same locations, as tenants,” said **Thierry Destailleur, CEO of Cora Romania.***

Supernova entered the Romanian market in November 2020, when they took over the Jupiter City Shopping Center in Pitesti, which covers more than 45,000 square meters, has 1,700 parking spaces and over 90 stores. Newly acquired shopping centers will be extensively upgraded, renovated and rebranded to Supernova following the example of the Jupiter City Shopping Center, where construction work to upgrade and expand it have already begun. This new acquisition will definitely strengthen the position of Supernova in Romania and is the next milestone in the dynamic growth of the group.

About Supernova:

The Austrian Supernova Group is an international company focused on the development and management of commercial real estate in Austria, Slovenia, Croatia and Romania. In addition to these key markets, the Supernova Group is also active in Germany, Slovakia and Serbia. The group's current portfolio comprises 77 properties with a total gross value of 1.7 billion EUR. The Supernova Group is continuously striving to improve the quality of service, offer and the entire infrastructure. In the last several years, the company has made considerable investments in its marketing activities and has brought together all its centers under the same visual identity - the Supernova brand. The company's goal in all the markets in which it operates is intelligent development and strategic acquisitions to ensure further growth and, at the same time, invest in growing markets and renewable energy sources.

The Supernova Group is also implementing the Green Dot Project, with which it will optimize business practices and achieve complete carbon neutrality by 2028. As one of the leading investors, the group believes in responsible environmental management and promoting the use of renewable and sustainable energy sources. Therefore, at the heart of its strategy is the production of sustainable energy and the careful management of natural resources, which is what it strives for in the construction and management of its advanced facilities.