

PRESS RELEASE

Cureus and MEDIKO celebrate topping-out ceremony for state-of-the-art senior care and residential complex in Barkhausen

Topping-out ceremony on 28 July 2022 | Modern building with 112 care places and an outpatient assisted living community with ten apartments for outpatient intensive care | Designed and built to sustainable Efficiency House 40 standard | Completion scheduled for spring 2023 | MEDIKO – care specialist of the SCHÖNES LEBEN Group will be the operator | Cureus properties focus on the needs of the residents | More than 100 new and secure jobs are being created in Porta Westfalica-Barkhausen – recruitment is underway | Allocation of care places and apartments has already started

Hamburg / Hanover / Porta Westfalica-Barkhausen, 29 July 2022. Cureus, an integrated property company that specialises in creating its own care home portfolio, and MEDIKO, the SCHÖNES LEBEN Group's care specialist, as future operator, today invited guests to the new residence's topping-out ceremony. In addition to the topping-out ceremony and the symbolic hammering of the last nail into the roof structure, the 60 or so guests were also treated to a tour of the construction site and presented with in-depth information on the construction of the new senior residence. Visitors also enjoyed food and drink after the ceremony. The construction site is located at Alte Poststraße 4 in 32457 Porta Westfalica-Barkhausen. The general contractor is Olaf Joop Projektbau GmbH from Faßberg.

“Our project is progressing quickly and according to plan”, says Kevin Lleshi, project manager at Cureus. “Now that the building's shell is complete, we can proceed with the completion of the roof and the interior work. We are definitely in the home straight now and are delighted to be able to celebrate our progress with the traditional topping-out ceremony. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the construction for their excellent work. I am confident that we will be able to handover the residence to our proven, professional operating partner MEDIKO in spring 2023 as planned”.

“We are pleased that our attractive new building will help to meet the growing demand for senior care places”, says Dirk Lorscheider, Managing Director of MEDIKO Pflege- und Gesundheitszentren. “In Porta Westfalica-Barkhausen, our bright, new senior residence and assisted living units will feature high-quality, age-appropriate interior design and exterior architecture, combined with friendly, modern and senior-friendly living areas. With our tried and trusted ‘open house’ concept, we will be promoting societal contacts between residents and members of the local community. In addition to providing the best care and nursing, we offer an attractive programme of events and leisure activities to ensure that our residents feel completely at home”.



Living and working in the MEDIKO Seniorenresidenz Barkhausen

The allocation of care places and assisted living units has already begun. A number of units are still available. Interested parties can obtain information from the MEDIKO head office in Hanover by calling 0511 357 38 - 100 or by sending an email to info@mediko-gruppe.de.

Potential employees can also apply now. In total, the new residence will create more than 100 new and secure, full- and part-time jobs. Employees are being sought ahead of the new residence's opening day, including nursing specialists and support staff, as well as vacancies in the care and service areas.

MEDIKO offers secure, permanent jobs with above-average pay and conditions. September marks a TURNING POINT for the entire nursing profession. After years of stagnation, the last two years has seen the public develop a new awareness and appreciation for the valuable work done by nursing professionals. With the introduction of the new *Tariftreuegesetz*, or GVWG for short, on September 1, policymakers are now responding to the desire for higher levels of pay throughout the care sector. "We offer our nursing and service personnel highly attractive salaries. Based on our own pay scale and minimum salaries, our pay packages are on average higher than the typical regional levels. MEDIKO is thus setting new standards for the entire industry", Dirk Lorscheider is convinced.

"Despite the tight labour market and competition, we are very optimistic that we will succeed in attracting employees from Porta Westfalica-Barkhausen and the surrounding area. MEDIKO is an attractive and reliable employer and operates in a secure, growing industry. In addition to permanent employment contracts, attractive remuneration and numerous training and further education opportunities, we offer our employees a bouquet of additional benefits, such as shopping opportunities at top conditions via our employee portal, JobRad bicycle leasing, and subsidies for the company pension scheme and towards childcare costs. And as if that wasn't enough, the modern new building also offers an attractive working environment to feel good in, and state-of-the-art tools and equipment facilitate the work processes", says Dirk Lorscheider.

Potential employees who want to find out more about the job opportunities in Barkhausen or apply for an open position should contact the MEDIKO head office in Hanover today: info@mediko-gruppe.de.

Modern residence with a comprehensive range of services and leisure amenities

The ground floor of the Barkhausen senior residence will be home to a foyer, reception desk and lounge area, plus a fresh food restaurant and terrace, a hair and pedicure salon, and a fireside lounge. The restaurant and hair/pedicure salon will be open to residents, guests and members of the local community, thereby promoting societal contacts between residents and neighbours from the surrounding area. There will also be a separate ground-floor entrance for the 10 outpatient intensive care apartments. Each apartment will be fully wheelchair-accessible and, in addition to a spacious living room and bedroom, will also have their own bathrooms and kitchenettes. The apartments will all have floor plans of between 29 and 34 square metres. The 112 care places are being created in six family-style residential groups with bright, single rooms with private bathrooms. Residents will be able to furnish many of the rooms to create a private, homely atmosphere and add to the cosy comforts. A high-quality landscaped garden will add the perfect finishing touch to this feel-good senior residence.

The location of the senior residence offers optimal public transport connections to the centre of Porta Westfalica. The beach at Weserstrand and the Wiehengebirge recreational area,



home to the Goethe open-air theatre and Kaiser Wilhelm memorial, are both within easy reach. With 26 parking spaces and ten bicycle stands, the residence is easily accessible to visitors and employees alike.

Further details and information on the new MEDIKO Seniorenresidenz Barkhausen can be found [here in our detailed press release dated 12 April 2022](#).

Giving care the space it needs

Many people are aware of the shortage of nursing staff and are actively implementing appropriate measures to solve the shortage, but there is little awareness of the undersupply of nursing homes. According to a recent study by bulwiengesa ([find here](#)), up to 600,000 new care places need to be built across Germany by 2040, but construction is lagging behind. Cureus is constantly on the lookout for new plots of land to implement its proprietary system approach and accelerate the construction of modern care facilities. Property offers can be sent to ankauf@cureus.de at any time.

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With the “system care home” – named as "[Outstanding Innovation](#)" by the industry association ZIA – Cureus has developed an innovative new standard for full inpatient care and assisted living facilities, which can be implemented as a scalable, location-agnostic solution. Aligned to both current legislative requirements and the needs of operators, residents and local authorities, the senior residences and care homes developed by Cureus GmbH establish new, uniform standards and represent a highly efficient product that combines greater cost effectiveness in care with improved quality of living and service. www.cureus.de/en

About SCHÖNES LEBEN Gruppe / MEDIKO Pflege- und Gesundheitszentren GmbH

The SCHÖNES LEBEN Group is one of Germany’s leading residential and nursing care home operators. The company’s mission is to support seniors to live independently in high quality surroundings with best-in-class care services. The company’s guiding principles include peace of mind, joie de vivre, service and respect. Founded in 2017, the SCHÖNES LEBEN Group currently employs several thousand care professionals across Germany. The company’s innovative residential and care home concepts create completely new perspectives for residents to shape and enjoy their lives. The Group’s specialist care subsidiaries, compassio, the Gut Köttenich Group, A+R Betriebsgesellschaft, MEDIKO Pflege- und Gesundheitszentren GmbH and Spies KG, have established a state-of-the-art, high-quality network of almost 100 care facilities across Germany. The SCHÖNES LEBEN Group is a member of the portfolio of companies owned by the independent private equity investment group Waterland. www.schoenes-leben.org

MEDIKO Pflege- und Gesundheitszentren GmbH is a regional and sustainably growing service provider in the field of care. MEDIKO operates nursing and senior residences, house communities, day care facilities and senior-friendly flats. Starting from the company headquarters in Hanover, the company concentrates on the federal states of Lower Saxony, North Rhine-Westphalia, Hamburg, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Brandenburg, Saxony-Anhalt and currently operates 29 facilities. By the end of the year, 35 residences will be in operation. www.mediko-gruppe.de

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