

## PRESS RELEASE

# **Cureus and Belia lay foundation stone for senior residence in Essen-Altenessen with around 150 care places**

- **Review of foundation stone laying ceremony on 6 April 2022**
- **107 care places for full, short-term and respite care, 22 assisted living places and outpatient daycare places with 18 places are planned**
- **Public restaurant, laundry, hair salon and fireside lounge in the complex**
- **Completion in sustainable KfW-40 construction and commissioning planned for summer 2023**
- **Cureus – an integrated nursing care home property company – will integrate the new facility into its property portfolio**
- **All Cureus properties are designed to meet the needs of residents**
- **Residence to be operated by the care specialist Belia Seniorenresidenzen**
- **More than 80 new and secure jobs created in Essen-Altenessen**
- **Interested parties for one of the care places can already register**

**Hamburg/Winsen (Aller)/Essen-Altenessen, 6 April 2022.** Cureus, a portfolio holder specialising in nursing care real estate, which is building new properties for its own portfolio, and Belia, as the future operator of the Seniorenresidenz Altenessen, invited guests to the laying of the foundation stone today. Among the guests at the ceremony, which was held in a small circle due to coronavirus restrictions, were Essen's Lord Mayor Thomas Kufen and the Head of the Department of Urban Planning and Building Regulations, Roland Graf. In addition to the actual ceremony, which included the ceremonial laying of the time capsule, the participants were also presented with in-depth information on the new senior residence being built and a small insight into the construction site.

"The Corona pandemic is still a clear reminder that we urgently need to expand the health sector and care for the elderly in Germany," says Essen's Lord Mayor Thomas Kufen. "This includes not only the recruitment of more skilled workers, but also the creation of more care places. That is why I am pleased that today we are laying the foundation stone for another care home for the elderly in Essen. 147 new care places are to be created in the new senior residence, and Cureus and Belia will be able to draw on proven concepts that focus on the

needs of the residents. On behalf of the city of Essen, I wish a smooth and successful construction process."

We would like to thank our guests for their visit and good wishes", says Andreas Anspach, Managing Director at Belia Senior Residences. "While our new senior residence is now being built piece by piece, we are starting to recruit staff and are also already taking applications for the care places. Our focus is always on a functioning community of residents and staff, which will be characterised by sociability and familiar as well as regionally networked structures".

"We are expecting a construction period of around one and a half years for this project with just under 150 care places and are thus planning completion in the summer of 2023". reports Uwe Poganiatz-Heine, project manager at Cureus. "Today we laid the foundation stone and embedded a time capsule in the floor slab with traditional contents that stand for our present time. In addition to floor plans, these include, for example, a daily newspaper, a few coins, photos, but also a face mask".

### **Living and working at Belia Seniorenresidenz Altenessen**

Interested residents and employees can contact Belia now at 05143 98100 or by email ([info@belia.de](mailto:info@belia.de)). A total of around 80 new and secure jobs will be created in the complex in the areas of care, administration, building services and catering.

### **Belia Seniorenresidenz Altenessen combines hotel character and comprehensive service**

The completely barrier-free senior residence will have a gross floor area (GFA) of around 11,000 square metres and extends from the underground car park with 45 parking spaces to the ground floor, four upper floors and a recessed floor. The ground floor welcomes residents and guests of the senior residence with a hotel-like lobby, a lounge with a fireplace and library, as well as a hair salon, therapy rooms and laundry. A café in the entrance area of the residence and the in-house restaurant with fresh food will also be open to the public. The outpatient daycare places with 18 places will also be built on the ground floor. The residents of the senior residence can expect 107 single rooms with private bathrooms of the most modern standard on the upper floors. 91 of the rooms are wheelchair accessible. All rooms can be individually furnished by the residents to create a feel-good atmosphere and a private retreat. A total of 22 assisted living units are located on the outer wings of the residential floors. The units are conveniently accessible from the ground floor via lifts and will feature a modern cut and a quiet location in the building. Details on the amenities and the expected rents will be announced in spring 2022 at [www.belia.de](http://www.belia.de).

All further details on the furnishings and design as well as the surroundings of the new Belia Seniorenresidenz Altenessen can be found in our latest [announcement from 9 November 2021](#).

### **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 ([found 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](mailto:ankauf@cureus.de) at any time.

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Belia stands for "Better living in old age". This means living self-determined and according to one's own habits in a warm and protected atmosphere. Belia creates living spaces of encounter, community and sociability for people in need of care and assistance and attaches particular importance to maintaining family and regional network structures. The company operates senior residences, home-sharing and day-care facilities in the Ruhr region and the Lower Rhine area. All facilities have good accessibility, a lively infrastructure and modern architecture. Single rooms and top facilities for the benefit of our residents, employees and guests are a matter of course for the company. [www.belia.de](http://www.belia.de)

## About Cureus GmbH

Cureus GmbH is based in Hamburg and is an integrated property company in the German care home sector with more than 15 years of experience and a team of c. 140 employees developing properties for the portfolio managed by Cureus.



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](http://www.cureus.de/en)

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