

PRESS RELEASE

Cureus and MEDIKO celebrate topping-out ceremony for senior residence with modern care and living services in Cottbus

Topping-out ceremony held on 9 June 2022 | Construction of modern residence consisting of 147 single rooms for inpatient care and an apartment building with 41 assisted living units and an outpatient daycare centre with 27 places | All buildings fulfil sustainable Efficiency House 40 standard | To be operated by MEDIKO – care specialist of the SCHÖNES LEBEN Group | Cureus – the specialist for system care homes – is integrating the new property into its care home portfolio | All Cureus properties are designed to meet the needs of residents | Over 100 new and secure jobs are being created in Cottbus | Completion scheduled for summer 2023

Hamburg/Hanover/Cottbus, 9 June 2022. Cureus, an integrated property company that specialises in creating its own care home portfolio, and MEDIKO, a SCHÖNES LEBEN Group's care specialist, as the future operator, today invited guests to the topping-out ceremony of the new senior residence in Cottbus. The guests included city councillor Thomas Bergner and Gudrun Obst, chairwoman of the advisory council for people with disabilities of the city of Cottbus. In addition to the topping-out ceremony and the symbolic hammering of the last nail into the roof structure, the guests were also presented with in-depth information on how the construction of the new senior residence. Visitors enjoyed food and drink after the ceremony. The construction site is located in Hallenser Straße/Schweriner Straße in 03046 Cottbus, and the general contractor is Schneider Systembau from Radeburg.

“Our project is progressing quickly and according to plan”, says Yvonne von Polier, project manager at Cureus. “We laid the foundation stone at the beginning of the year and it is now already time to celebrate the topping-out ceremony and express our thanks to everyone involved in the construction for their excellent work. With the completion of the roof, we can now move on to the interior construction and are largely independent of the weather from now on. I am confident that we will be able to handover the residence to our proven, professional operating partner MEDIKO in summer 2023 as planned”.

“Meeting the constantly rising demand for care and support from seniors is at the heart of everything we do”, says Dirk Lorscheider, Managing Director of MEDIKO Pflege- und Gesundheitszentren. “In Cottbus, 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 Cottbus

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 email: info@cottbus-seniorenresidenz.de.

Potential employees can also apply now at info@cottbus-seniorenresidenz.de. In total, more than 100 new and secure, full- and part-time jobs will be created in Cottbus. 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.

"Despite the tight labour market and competition, we are very optimistic that we will succeed in attracting employees from Cottbus and the surrounding area", Dirk Lorscheider is convinced. "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 leasing, a subsidy for the company pension scheme, childcare costs and a travel allowance. In addition, we create optimal working conditions in Cottbus. The modern new building offers an attractive working environment to feel good in, and state-of-the-art tools and equipment facilitate the work processes", says Dirk Lorscheider.

State-of-the-art care and units with a comprehensive range of services

The Cottbus senior residence comprises two entirely barrier-free buildings, both of which are designed and being built to the Efficiency House 40 standard (previously KfW-40). Heating will be provided by an environmentally friendly combined heat and power unit (CHP), which will also generate electricity. Future residents will feel perfectly at home in the 147 modern care places in generously designed single rooms with en-suite bathrooms. Residents will be able to furnish their own rooms to create a private, homely atmosphere and add to the cosy comforts. A living group on the ground floor will cater for the needs and specialised care requirements of dementia patients. A restaurant with fresh cuisine and a terrace is also planned for the residence's ground floor. The restaurant will be open to residents, guests and neighbours. A hotel-style reception, a hair salon, modern care bathrooms and an in-house laundry round off the comprehensive service package. In the apartment building, 41 spacious two-room units are being created on the ground floor and two upper floors. The apartments will have floor plans ranging from 46 to 57 square metres. The recessed top floor will house 27 state-of-the-art outpatient daycare places.

MEDIKO Seniorenresidenz Cottbus is within walking distance of Cottbus city centre and is very well connected to public transport. 30 parking spaces and friendly, spacious outdoor facilities are available on the premises for residents, guests and staff.

All further details and information on the new MEDIKO senior residence Cottbus can be found here in our [detailed press release dated 5 January 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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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

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



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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 28 facilities. By the end of the year, 35 residences will be in operation. www.mediko-gruppe.de

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