

Press release

Cureus becomes a member of the German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB)



Hamburg, 6 September 2022. Cureus, an integrated property company that specialises in creating inpatient care homes in Germany for its own portfolio, has joined the German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB) as of August 2022. By becoming a member of the DGNB, this relatively young company is underlining its commitment to the principles of sustainable property management and further expanding its network. In addition to designing its buildings to the Efficiency House 40 standard, Cureus will now also target DGNB sustainability certification in Gold for all of its new buildings.

“With our innovative, uniform standard for system care homes, we are already reconciling sustainability and economic efficiency. Our DGNB membership underlines our commitment and is intended to take our sustainability achievements to the next level. We look forward to contributing to the important work of the DGNB and to the further development of the Council’s standards, especially with a focus on care properties”, says Gerald Klinck, CEO of Cureus.

Oliver Sturhahn, CFO of Cureus, adds: “We are confident that the care properties we design and build according to our system approach will meet the DGNB’s demanding certification requirements. The DGNB standard, which is geared towards sustainability and energy efficiency, is now also necessary in order to apply for KfW support for the construction of the care properties that Germany so urgently requires”.

Multifaceted Cureus standard

All projects are designed and will be build in accordance with the Cureus standard for system care homes. This places great importance on uniform, high quality standards. Sustainable aspects also play an essential role with regard to social concerns, the long-term economic viability of a care home and its impact on the environment. All Cureus care homes are, for example, constructed in accordance with the ‘Effizienzhaus-40-Standard’ (former KfW 40 energy-efficiency standard). Consideration is also given to integrity in the environment and the

needs of the operators with a focus on the residents and care staff. The bulk procurement of construction materials and building equipment ensures cost synergies. Standardised and well thought-out floor plans make operation more cost-efficient. And long-term maintenance contracts covering several properties also reduce costs for care home operators. The constant review and optimisation of the Cureus system care home standard guarantees the construction of care homes that truly meet demand.

Regular reports and ratings confirm Cureus' commitment to ESG

Despite only having celebrated its second anniversary this summer, Cureus has embedded key ESG issues in its business model and underlying processes since the day the company was founded. The first Cureus Sustainability Report was published last summer ([more information here](#)). The follow-up report for the 2021 financial year is due to be published shortly. In addition, Cureus voluntarily commissioned an independent ESG risk rating from the rating, research and data company Sustainalytics last year. The experts rated the risk of material financial impact from ESG factors as low ([details of the rating are available here](#)). Future ratings are already being planned.

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Whitepaper „Optimised, unique, scalable – care home properties following a system“ (only available in German)

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About Cureus GmbH

Cureus GmbH has its operational headquarters in Hamburg and, with more than 15 years of experience and a team of around 150 employees, is an experienced integrated property company with special expertise in care homes in Germany that develops and manages its portfolio itself.



With the “system care home” standard selected as [“Outstanding Innovation”](#) by the industry association ZIA, Cureus has developed a unique standard for homes for inpatient care and assisted living, which can be implemented as a scalable solution independent of the location. Based on the current legal requirements as well as the needs of operators, residents, and communities, Cureus is establishing new, consistent quality standards with its system care

homes. The company is thereby offering a highly efficient product, which combines higher cost-efficiency at lower cost structures with improved living and service quality in the care sector.

The company's property portfolio is on average just under four years old and consists as at end of June 2022 of 50 leased properties with 4,987 care places and 278 assisted living units worth approx. EUR 985 m. In addition, Cureus currently has 35 projects under construction and 67 secured projects scheduled for completion by 2026, which will add an additional c. 7,770 care places and c. 1,820 assisted living units to the portfolio. The expected value after completion is EUR 1,9 bn. www.cureus.de/en

About Deutsche Gesellschaft für Nachhaltiges Bauen – DGNB e.V.

Founded in 2007, the DGNB is now Europe's largest network for sustainable construction with over 1,600 member organisations. The aim of the association is to promote sustainability in the construction and real estate industry and to anchor it in the consciousness of the general public. With the DGNB certification system, the independent non-profit organisation has developed a planning and optimisation tool for assessing sustainable buildings, interiors and neighbourhoods, which helps to increase real sustainability in construction projects. The DGNB system is based on a holistic understanding of sustainability that includes the environment, people and economic efficiency in equal measure. The DGNB Academy training platform has already qualified almost 7,000 people in 45 countries as experts in sustainable construction.