

PRESS RELEASE

Cureus and Belia lay foundation stones for two senior residences in Herne

- **Foundation stone ceremonies held on 6 October 2022 in Herne-Mitte and Herne-Horsthausen**
- **Herne-Mitte: 80 places for long-term, short-term and respite care, 55 places in a living community and 27 outpatient day-care places**
- **Herne-Horsthausen: Places for long-term, short-term and respite care, incl. living community for residents with dementia**
- **Designed and being built to KfW 40 energy-efficiency standard**
- **Cureus – experienced specialist for system care homes acting as general contractor**
- **All Cureus properties have a key focus on the needs of residents**
- **Belia Seniorenresidenzen will operate the new residences**
- **c. 150 new and secure jobs will be created in Herne**
- **Prospective residents can already apply for care places**

Hamburg/Winsen (Aller)/Herne, 7 October 2022. Cureus, an integrated property company that specialises in developing and actively managing its own inpatient care home portfolio, and Belia, the future operator of the two new senior residences in Herne-Mitte und Herne-Horsthausen, yesterday invited guests to join them in celebrating the laying of the foundation stones for both properties. The ceremony took place in the presence of Kai Gera, First Mayor of the City of Herne. In addition to the ceremonial burial of the time capsules, attendees were also treated to in-depth information on the new senior residences and given a first glimpse of the construction sites. Visitors enjoyed food and drink after the ceremony.

“We would like to thank our guests for joining us today and for their enthusiasm for these two projects”, says Andreas Anspach, Managing Director at Belia Seniorenresidenzen. “As our two new residences start to take shape, we have already started recruiting staff and are already accepting applications for care places. Our focus is always on creating an attractive, cosy and friendly community of residents and employees, and establishing lasting links with the local community”.

“We are currently working on two exciting projects here in Herne, both of which are going to enhance the local cityscape and help to meet rising demand for care places in the region”, explains Kathrin Ufken, project manager at Cureus. “Today, we laid the foundation stones and embedded time capsules in the foundation slabs. In addition to floor plans, the capsules contain a selection of contemporary items, such as a daily newspaper, coins, photos, and a face mask”.

Living and working in the Belia senior residences in Herne

Prospective residents and employees can already register their interest with Belia by calling 05143 98100 or sending an email to info@belia.de. The new residence in Herne-Mitte will create approx. 100 new and secure jobs. An additional 45 jobs will be created in the somewhat smaller property in Herne-Horsthausen. Belia has vacancies for care, administration, building services and housekeeping staff.

Herne-Mitte – Modern senior residence with comprehensive care and service package

Upon completion, this state-of-the-art, four-storey residence will accommodate 80 inpatient care places, a living community with 55 residential units, and 27 outpatient day-care places. The property is being designed and built to the stringent KfW 40 energy-efficiency standard. A biogas-fired combined heat and power plant (CHP) will generate both heat and electricity on site. The new Belia senior citizens’ residence will blend perfectly with its surrounding environment, creating a pleasing architectural highlight thanks to its bright, rectilinear facade. The ground floor will welcome residents and guests with a hotel-style lobby, a lounge with library, and a range of services including a hair and chiropody salon, therapy rooms and an in-house laundry. The restaurant with fresh cuisine will also be open to the public. The single rooms will all be wheelchair-accessible and equipped with their own modern bathrooms. Residents will be able to furnish their own rooms to create a private, homely atmosphere and add to the cosy comforts. In the 55-unit living community, residents will receive support from the residence’s staff and be involved in housekeeping processes in accordance with their individual capabilities. The day-care facility on the ground floor will be fully equipped to provide daily nursing care to every resident that needs it. In addition to the large recreation room with kitchen, there will also be a therapy and gymnastics room, rest rooms and a care bathroom.

You can read more about the new residence in Herne-Mitte here [in our 5 July 2022 press release](#).

Herne-Horsthausen – Modern care in a listed building set in the historic park grounds of the former administrative HQ of the *Friedrich der Große* colliery

The completely barrier-free senior residence extends from the ground floor over three upper floors and a recessed top floor. The ground floor welcomes residents and guests with its hotel-style lobby, lounge with library, and an attractive selection of services including a hair salon, therapy rooms and an in-house laundry. The restaurant with fresh cuisine will also be open to the public. The restaurant’s terrace links the new residence to the leafy and green historic park, which extends to the west. The residence will accommodate a total of 84 wheelchair accessible single rooms with private bathrooms, all designed and finished to the highest modern standards. Here too, 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 recessed top floor has been specially designed to satisfy the daily needs and routines of residents with dementia. The residence will be constructed in accordance with the stringent KfW 40 energy-efficiency standard. A combined heat and power plant (CHP) will heat the residential complex with biogas and simultaneously produce electricity on site. In architectural terms, the building will also be particularly in tune with its surroundings: In particular, the straight-lined and bright facade

design will harmonize with the preserved historic facade to create an eye-catching local landmark.

You can read more about the new residence [in our 7 December 2021 press release](#).

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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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

About Cureus GmbH

Cureus GmbH has its operational headquarters in Hamburg and, with more than 15 years of experience and a team of around 155 employees, is an experienced integrated property company with special expertise in care homes in Germany that develops and actively manages its portfolio itself.

With the "system care home" standard 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. www.cureus.de/en

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