

ProLogis and ABM Property Corporation announced merger of equals

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AMB Property Corporation and ProLogis announced a definitive agreement to combine through a merger of equals, creating the pre-eminent global owner, operator and developer of industrial real estate. Combined, the companies are expected to have a pro forma equity market capitalization of approximately \$14 billion, a total market capitalization in excess of \$24 billion, and gross assets owned and managed of approximately \$46 billion.

Under the terms of the agreement, each ProLogis common share will be converted into 0.4464 of a newly issued AMB common share, and the combined company will be an UPREIT. The merger is subject to customary closing conditions, including receipt of approval of AMB and ProLogis shareholders. The parties currently expect the transaction to close during the second quarter of 2011. The all-stock merger is intended to be a tax-free transaction. Upon completion of the merger, the company will be named ProLogis and will trade under the ticker symbol PLD (NYSE).

The combined company brings together two of the most complementary customer franchises in real estate. The combined portfolio encompasses approximately 600 million square feet (55.7 million square meters) of modern distribution facilities located in key gateway markets and logistics corridors in 22 countries. Both companies have substantial portfolios in North America, Western Europe and Japan. ProLogis is well-established in the United Kingdom and Central and Eastern Europe, and AMB has a significant presence in China and Brazil.

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