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### **ASCENCIO SCA 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS Euronext BRUSSELS LISTING INCLUSION IN THE BEL MID INDEX**

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Ascencio (Belgian REIT specialized in periphery retail assets) celebrated on February 14, 2017 the 10th anniversary of its Initial Public Offer (IPO) on Euronext Brussels.

These first ten years took place in a somewhat agitated economic climate but the strategy proved right. The decision to build a portfolio of quality retail assets in the periphery of large cities delivered excellent results.

In 2007 the initial portfolio amounted to 170 millions EUR entirely invested in Belgium. As of December 31, 2016, the real estate portfolio exceeds 600 millions EUR spread over Belgium (60%), France since 2010 (35%) and Spain since 2016 (5%).

While increasing the size of its real estate portfolio, Ascencio convinced most of the insurance companies and pensions funds operating in Belgium to become shareholders.

The recent share performance will allow Ascencio to be included in the BEL Mid index of Euronext Brussels as of March 20, 2017.

This inclusion is justified by the regular increase of Ascencio's market capitalization over the years (resulting from two capital increases of 40 millions EUR in November 2010 and 80 millions EUR in March 2014 as well as the optional dividend payable in shares largely chosen by its shareholders in 2014, 2015 and 2016). In addition, the share liquidity has been improved since the daily traded volumes have significantly increased and the free float is now exceeding 75%.

On March 20, 2017, the BEL Mid index will include 38 companies (including 9 Belgian REITs which demonstrate investors' interest for listed real estate in Belgium).

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Active in Belgium, France and Spain, Ascencio is a Regulated Real Estate Company (public SIR) specialising in investment in commercial premises located principally on urban peripheries.

We represent some ten sectors of activity, however, predominantly the food sector.

Listed on Euronext Brussels since 2007, Ascencio develops a coherent policy aimed at optimising its results over time and ensuring stable profits for all its shareholders.

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