

Aquila Capital acquires EUR 1bn of real assets in 2015

London, 5 April 2016 – Aquila Capital increased its transaction track record in real asset investments by EUR 1 billion in 2015, with a total of 12 transactions.

2015 saw significant institutional investor appetite for real asset investment solutions, spurred on by continued demand for stable cash yields, growth potential and risk mitigation. Aquila Capital catered to this growing demand with the launch of two dedicated renewable energy funds in 2015 and increased its European renewable energy footprint with a number of significant hydropower, wind power and photovoltaic acquisitions. Looking ahead, Aquila Capital expects further strong growth in the sector, as well as significant investment opportunities in the Spanish residential real estate market.

Highlights of Aquila Capital's activities include:

- ***Photovoltaics & Wind***

In wind power, the alternative investment manager acquired a majority stake in Norway's largest operational wind park, co-investing with the Norwegian energy companies, Østfold Energi, Fitjar Kraftlag and Vardar Boreas. Continuing its strong track record in the sector, Aquila Capital was awarded a wind portfolio mandate by the largest Czech energy company in Central Eastern Europe at the beginning of 2016.

As one of the largest investors in the European photovoltaic market¹, in 2015 Aquila Capital continued to broaden its geographical reach in the sector with two photovoltaic investments in the UK, as well as a 57MWp photovoltaic portfolio in the south of France.

In addition, Aquila Capital launched a diversified photovoltaic and wind power fund - the Aquila Capital Renewables Fund III S.A., SICAV-SIF - which had its first close in May 2015. The fund, which aims to deliver an IRR of 5-7% with long-term stable cash yields over the term of the investment, saw investments of EUR 100 million deployed across a diversified portfolio of 13 operational renewable energy plants in less than ten months.

¹ The „Top 70 overview of European solar PV portfolios“ is provided by Solarplaza International BV („Solarplaza“). Solarplaza assumes no responsibility for any errors or omissions in these materials. Solarplaza makes no commitment to update the information contained herein. The data used for this overview are as of May 31, 2015. www.solarassetmanagement.eu.com

- **Hydropower**

In addition to launching the world's first dedicated hydropower fund for institutional investors - the Aquila Capital European Hydropower Fund S.A., SICAV-SIF, two significant hydropower transactions stood out for the firm in 2015: Aquila Capital acquired Norway's second-largest operator of small-scale hydropower plants, Norsk Grønnkraft AS, at the beginning of 2015 and won the bid to acquire the largest operator, Småkraft AS, at the end of the year, further expanding its footprint as an established hydropower platform in Norway.

The recent acquisition makes Aquila Capital the largest operator of small-scale hydropower plants in Europe, with a total number of 102 hydropower plants under operation.

- **Real estate**

2015 also saw Aquila Capital launch a dedicated real estate strategy for institutional investors that focused on the reinvigoration of the Spanish residential real estate market. Through targeted investments in the Spanish residential property market, including the recent acquisition of the largest housing development project in Madrid, Aquila Capital has built a strong reputation in the country's real estate sector.

Roman Rosslenbroich, CEO and Co-Founder of Aquila Group, said:

“Driven by ongoing market volatility and low interest rates, we continue to see significant demand for real asset investments from investors searching for alternative cash yields. With a proven track record of 129 realised transactions in more than 16 countries and a strong deal flow, we are ideally positioned to cater to this growing demand. This is reflected by the continued development of our investment portfolio, which most recently saw the launch of a dedicated infrastructure strategy that gives institutional and semi-institutional investors access to a balanced and diversified portfolio of direct and fund investments. Launched at the beginning of this month, the strategy focuses on generating stable cash yields and has a minimum investment period of two years – significantly shorter than that of classic infrastructure investments.”

To date, Aquila Group manages alternative assets of over EUR 7.1 billion for a global investor base.

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About Aquila Capital

Established in 2001, Aquila Capital is an alternative investment firm managing a family of strategies in real assets, financial and private markets. The company applies a multi-team investment approach with dedicated experts in their respective fields. From regulated mutual funds to direct investments and special mandates, as a long-term partner, Aquila Capital provides holistic investment concepts and comprehensive investment advice and services to its investors.

Aquila Capital is part of the owner-managed Aquila Group, which employs more than 200 staff at eight locations in Europe and Asia Pacific and manages assets of over EUR 7.1bn for a global investor base (as at December 2015).

Further information can be found at www.aquila-capital.com.