Colonial, leader in sustainable investment in Europe

- The company has received the accolade for responsible investment at the BREEAM 2019 Awards, which recognizes the commitment of the real estate company to the sustainable management of its portfolio.

- 91% of Colonial’s buildings hold BREEAM and/or LEED environmental certificates.

- Colonial has received 75.7 million euros from ING, the first sustainable loan granted to a Spanish real estate company.

London, February 5th, 2019. Colonial has received the GRESB/BREEAM ‘Responsible Investment’ award, awarded annually by BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Methodology), reestablishing the company’s commitment to sustainable management. The firm led by Juan José Bruguera and Pere Viñolas has collected the award at the BREEAM Awards 2019 gala, which rewards socially responsible investment and companies committed to sustainable certification of its portfolio. The BREEAM Awards recognize companies in the real estate sector that invest in sustainable certification of their portfolio of assets, as well as their commitment to achieve better results in terms of sustainability.

The award received by Colonial, reestablishes the company’s commitment to sustainability management of its buildings and emphasizes the strategy of ongoing improvement in the environmental aspect and energy efficiency. The Company approved its General Environmental Policy in 2014, and currently enjoys 91% of the portfolio in operation with environmental certification. This level of certifications is clearly above the industry average, which is placed around 15%.

"The Responsible Investor accolade shows our commitment to best practices, involving customers, employees and suppliers, achieve high levels of efficiency in the buildings themselves, reducing an environment impact", explains José Luis Pérez, Colonial’s director of Projects and Maintenance.

BREEAM is an independent assessment using sustainability metrics and indices that covers a range of issues such as Management, Health and Welfare, Energy, Transport, Water, Materials, Waste, Ecological Land Use, Pollution, Innovation, where buildings are rated and certified. It works to raise awareness amongst owners, occupiers and designers of the benefits of taking a sustainability approach. It helps them to successfully adopt sustainable solutions in a cost-effective manner and provides market recognition of their achievements. It aims to reduce the negative effects of construction and development on the environment.

Colonial building’s environmental performance is one of the differentiating elements of the firm’s portfolio unique DNA, to which are added other key ingredients for its success, such as the central location of the buildings, 75% of the portfolio is in the CBD area, as well as the use of high quality materials plus a high component of value added services, integrating innovative initiatives in the PropTech field and coexistence with a flexible office offer, provided by its subsidiary Utopicus. These fundamental values are key to the good portfolio’s occupancy, 96% on average between Barcelona, Madrid and Paris, and the excellent capture of the ascending cycle of rents. The building environmental performance is today a key element within large
corporations, with the building environmental sustainability as its core, and where the company locate their offices among their ESG (environmental, social and corporate governance) policies.

**Commitment to environmental sustainability and energy efficiency**

Colonial is a company committed to the environment and the efficient use of resources. Sustainability is a key element in Colonial’s growth strategy, whose main trait is to offer the highest quality. The strategic sustainability plan of Colonial executes energy efficiency initiatives, with the commitment to ongoing active improvement asset-by-asset.

Colonial’s environmental policy is included within the ESG strategy, which the company develops as one of its fundamental cornerstones of corporate growth. It includes the highest standards of Corporate Governance, development of initiatives in social areas and attraction of talent. This clear commitment to the ESG has allowed the firm to be recognized recently with certifications and qualifications such as the AAA rating awarded by MSCI or EPRA GOLD and now the BREEAM accolade awarded this Monday in London at a gala that hosted the top European real estate sector representatives.

**The first sustainable loan in the Spanish real estate sector and first Colonial’s sustainable transaction**

Colonial’s European leadership in terms of sustainability has served in turn to secure the first sustainable loan that is granted to a Spanish company in the real estate sector. The loan Granted by ING is for 75.7 million euros due in December 2023. Its concession is linked to the company’s sustainability strategy and interest will vary according to the rating obtained by Colonial in terms of ESG (environment, social and corporate governance) by GRESB Sustainability Agency. It is the first loan of this type that is secured by a Spanish company in the real estate sector and Colonial’s first sustainable transaction in the market.

“This operation recognizes Colonial Group’s high commitment to sustainability, with currently more than 90% of our energy-certified assets at the highest levels leading the sector in Europe, as well as high corporate ratings on ESG”, said Carmina Ganyet, Colonial’s Corporate General Director.

**About Colonial**

Colonial is a Spanish listed REIT company (SOCIMI), leader in the European Prime office market with presence in the main business areas of Barcelona, Madrid and Paris with a prime office portfolio of more than one million of sq. m of GLA and assets under management with a value of more than €11bn.

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