



# Voluntary and conditional takeover bid on Vastned Retail Belgium NV: update

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- Prospectus and memorandum of response approved by the FSMA on 24 April 2018
- Acceptance period runs from 2 May 2018 through 1 June 2018
- Takeover bid with only one acceptance period, without the possibility of a voluntary reopening of the bid
- Acceptance by at least 90% of the free float is necessary
- Prospectus available online and via the counters of KBC Bank

Vastned Retail N.V. (Euronext Amsterdam: VASTN) and Vastned Retail Belgium NV ("Vastned Retail Belgium") (Euronext Brussels: VASTB) confirm that the FSMA has approved the prospectus and the memorandum of response by the Board of Directors of Vastned Retail Belgium. This means that the only acceptance period will start on 2 May 2018.

## Strategic rationale

By making the bid, Vastned Retail N.V. aims to acquire all shares in Vastned Retail Belgium that it does not yet own (i.e. 34.51% of the total number of shares), in order to delist Vastned Retail Belgium from Euronext Brussels. Recent legislative reforms in Belgium allow Vastned Retail Belgium to maintain a special tax status, without the need for a listing on a stock exchange. The delisting of Vastned Retail Belgium results in a simplified corporate and governance structure and rationalization of the capital structure, of which the shareholders of both Vastned Retail Belgium and Vastned Retail N.V. will benefit.

## Only acceptance period starts on 2 May 2018 and will end on 1 June 2018

In order to successfully conclude the takeover bid and receive the bid premium, shareholders of Vastned Retail Belgium need to tender at least 90% of the free float within the single acceptance period, which would bring the total participation of Vastned Retail N.V. to 96.55%. The single acceptance period starts on 2 May 2018 and will end on 1 June 2018 at 16:00 (Belgian time). Vastned Retail N.V. will not voluntarily reopen the bid.

**Taco de Groot**, CEO of Vastned Retail N.V.: "With the approval of the prospectus by the FSMA, we can now take the next step: the only acceptance period starts on 2 May and ends on 1 June 2018. With an offer price of  $\in$  57.50 per share, we are confident





that many shareholders will respond to the bid and that more than 90% of the free float will be tendered in the bid."

**Rudi Taelemans**, CEO of Vastned Retail Belgium: "For the shareholders of Vastned Retail Belgium, the takeover bid offers the one-time opportunity to liquidate all their shares at once, without any transaction costs, at a price that offers a substantial premium of 24.5% compared to the closing price on 12 January 2018".

#### Further explanation of the bid price

The bid price of  $\in$  57.50 per share represents a premium of 27.6% respectively 26.7% to the weighted average share price of Vastned Retail Belgium over a period of 1 respectively 3 months preceding the initial announcement to launch a voluntary and conditional public offer on 14 January 2018. In addition, the bid represents a premium of 24.5% compared to the closing price of the Vastned Retail Belgium share on 12 January 2018, as well as a premium of 6.4% compared to the net value (fair value) per share and a premium of 5.5% to the EPRA NAV per share, both as at 31 December 2017.

Chapter 8 of the prospectus provides a further explanation of the bid price of  $\in$  57.50 per share.

## Approval Vastned Retail Belgium dividend

The ordinary general meeting of Vastned Retail Belgium of 25 April 2018 has approved the proposed gross dividend of  $\in$  2.62 per share for the 2017 financial year. If the exdividend date is set prior to the date of the acquisition of the shares in Vastned Retail Belgium by Vastned Retail N.V., the amount of this gross dividend will be balanced with the bid price, which will therefore amount to  $\in$  54.88.

#### The prospectus

The prospectus provides more information on the takeover bid, the intentions of Vastned Retail N.V., the bid price, the conditions of the takeover bid, the valuation report of the independent expert and the payment date. Shareholders are advised to read this document.

The prospectus, the acceptance form and the memorandum of response by the board of directors of Vastned Retail Belgium can be obtained free of charge at the counters of KBC Bank NV or CBC Banque SA, or by telephone at KBC Bank NV on +32 78 15 21 53 (Dutch and English), at CBC Banque SA on +32 800 92 020 (French and English) or at Bolero on +32 32 83 29 81 (French, Dutch and English).

Electronic versions of these documents are also available on the internet at the following websites:





- <u>www.vastned.be/en/retail/investorrelations/takeoverbidbelgium/</u> (French, Dutch and the summary of the prospectus in English)
- <u>www.vastned.com/en/takeoverbid</u> (French, Dutch and the summary of the prospectus in English)
- <u>www.kbcsecurities.com/prospectus-documents-overviews/prospectus-overview</u> (Dutch, French and the summary of the prospectus in English)
- <u>www.kbc.be</u> (Dutch, French and the summary of the prospectus in English)
- <u>www.cbc.be</u> (French)
- <u>www.bolero.be</u> (Dutch and French)

# Information for shareholders who wish to respond to the takeover bid

Shareholders who wish to accept the takeover bid must do so no later than the end of the only acceptance period, starting on 2 May 2018 and ending on 1 June 2018. Holders of dematerialized shares must submit the completed and signed acceptance form directly or through their own financial intermediary, at KBC Securities NV, KBC Bank NV or CBC Banque SA, and this no later than 16.00 (Belgian time) on 1 June 2018. Registered shareholders will receive a letter from Vastned Retail Belgium explaining the procedure for offering their registered shares in the takeover bid.

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The websites of Vastned Retail N.V. and Vastned Retail Belgium provide an overview of a number of practical questions and answers regarding this takeover bid.





#### About Vastned Retail N.V.

Vastned Retail N.V. is a listed European retail property fund with a focus on venues for premium shopping. Vastned Retail N.V. invests in selected cities in Europe, with a clear focus on the best retail properties in the most popular shopping streets in larger cities. Tenants of Vastned Retail N.V. are strong and leading international and national retail brands. The real estate portfolio has a size of approximately € 1.6 billion, as at 31 December 2017.

#### About Vastned Retail Belgium

Vastned Retail Belgium is a public regulated real estate company (OGVV) whose shares are listed on Euronext Brussels (VASTB). Vastned Retail Belgium invests exclusively in Belgian commercial real estate, more specifically in core city assets (top retail properties located on the best shopping streets in the major cities of Antwerp, Brussels, Ghent and Bruges), and mixed retail locations (inner-city shops outside the premium cities, retail parks and retail warehouses). of high quality)

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