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European-level Role for SES Spar European Shopping Centers

SES holds a seat on the Executive Board of the the new European Council of Shopping Places (ECSP)

SES Spar European Shopping Centers, Austria's and Slovenia's market-leading shopping center developer and operator, now holds a seat on the Executive Board of the new European Council of Shopping Places (ECSP) and is one of its founding members. Managing Director Christoph Andexlinger, Chief Operations Officer at SES since 1 January 2021, has been appointed as a member of the Executive Board of the ECSP and, as such, will represent the interests of the retail real estate industry at the European level for the next three years. The new Executive Board was elected and confirmed during the first ECSP General Meeting, which took place in Brussels on 31 March.

The ECSP (European Council of Shopping Places), headquartered in Brussels, was founded in October 2020 and represents the European retail real estate industry, which counts more than 6.3 million employees, generates 750 billion euros in sales, and has usable floor space for retail, gastronomy, and service facilities of approximately 160 million square meters. The association's goal is to give a voice to those companies that create, develop, build, operate, maintain, or finance retail, hospitality, and service facilities.

The ECSP Executive Board consists of 15 members, comprised of six founding members, five elected members, and four representatives of national associations, and, as a result, brings together a wide range of nations as well as companies that operate successfully, both globally and in Europe. (Source: ECSP, 31 March 2021 <https://www.ecsp.eu/ecsp-hosts-first-members-assembly-announces-new-executive-board/>)

“The ECSP provides its members with excellent access to a widespread European network via working groups and events. This enables us to further strengthen the position of brick-and-mortar retail, especially in times like these. I am honored to be able to help shape the future of the industry as a member of the ECSP Executive Board,” says Christoph Andexlinger, SES-COO.

**SES Spar European Shopping Centers**

SES is active as a developer, builder, and operator of shopping centers in six countries: Austria, Slovenia, Italy, Hungary, Croatia, and Czech Republic. The company currently manages 30 shopping locations in Central, Southern, and Eastern Europe, with a total leasable area (GLA) of more than 820,000 square meters. SES is the market leader in Austria and Slovenia for large-scale shopping centers. In 2020, SES shopping centers consistently remained open in all countries, although the majority of its retail partners had to close their stores for several weeks or months due to government restrictions. SES rapidly implemented communicative and innovative technical measures in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic, which allowed for the safe operation of its centers. Overall, SES retail partners generated sales revenues in the amount of EUR 2.45 bn at SES shopping centers in 2020. SES also offers its know-how in the areas of project development, construction management, leasing of shop space, as well as center and facility management to external owners of shopping malls right from the outset. SES centers have already received several national and international awards for architecture and design, sustainability, traffic flow concepts, and innovative marketing. SES is part of the SPAR Austria Group. Additional information can be found at: www.ses-european.com and presse@ses-european.com.

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Image 1: Christoph Andexlinger © SES

Caption: Christoph Andexlinger, COO of SES Spar European Shopping Centers, Chief Operations Officer at SES since 1 January 2021, has been appointed as a member of the Executive Board of the European Council of Shopping Places (ECSP).

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