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## WDP Board of Directors welcomes new chairman

The Board of Directors of the manager of WDP, De Pauw NV, has nominated a new chairman: Rik Vandenberghe. After approval by the General Meeting, his term will begin on 24 April 2019. He will succeed current chairman Mark Duyck, whose mandate will come to an end on that date.

## RIK VANDENBERGHE PROPOSED FOR NOMINATION AS NEW CHAIRMAN

The Board of Directors of the manager of WDP, acting also as the Nomination Committee, has selected Rik Vandenberghe as a suitable candidate to chair the Board of Directors. Rik Vandenberghe will serve as an independent and non-executive director. His mandate, initially for a period of four years, will start on 24 April 2019, which is the end date of Mark Duyck's term as director and executive chairman.

Rik Vandenberghe is the CEO of the BESIX Group, a trendsetting, multidisciplinary construction and real estate company that is active in 25 countries spread across 5 continents. He is also serving as a director in various subsidiaries in the BESIX Group. Rik Vandenberghe started his career in the banking sector, working at ING for thirty years, where he held numerous leadership roles and, as CEO of ING Belgium, enjoyed close working relationships with key actors in the real estate market and garnered extensive international experience. His knowledge of real estate, finance and securities markets, coupled with his entrepreneurial spirit and keen eye for innovation, will support the management of WDP and the further growth of the company.



The chairman-designate has been nominated by the Board of Directors, and his nomination has been submitted to the General Meeting of the manager of WDP, De Pauw NV, for approval. His mandate will be submitted in advance to the FSMA for approval.

The management of WDP, his fellow members of the Board of Directors and the WDP team express their gratitude to outgoing chairman Mark Duyck for his appreciated support and long-term dedication that have contributed to the company's success.

### QUOTE

Tony De Pauw, co-CEO and reference shareholder of WDP: *“WDP believes that Rik Vandenberghe’s competences and experience will guide and support our company through our growth story, both now and in the future. As we bid Mark Duyck a fond farewell, we would like to express our immense gratitude for his long-term cooperation and dedication to WDP. Mark, Joost and myself have complemented each other well over the last 15 years, in a team that has brought our company to its current success. We wish him all the best for the future.”*

Mark Duyck, Director and executive chairman of WDP: *“WDP has grown from a small, unknown company at the time of its IPO into a trendsetting role model in its sector, operating in a variety of regions. My participation as executive director in this successful endeavour, together with a*

*highly motivated team, has always been a point of personal pride and satisfaction. I firmly believe that further chapters can be added to this success story in the future.”*

Rik Vandenberghe, CEO of the BESIX Group: *“It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I accept the nomination as chairman of the Board of Directors of WDP. I look forward to pursuing the tradition of excellence of this financial flagship, driven by an admirable entrepreneurial mindset, which is reflected in its sustainable growth over recent years. I am convinced that we will do a good job together with Tony De Pauw, Joost Uwents and their teams, in the spirit of what has been achieved so far by outgoing chairman Mark Duyck.”*



## MORE INFORMATION



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WDP develops and invests in logistics property (warehouses and offices). WDP's property portfolio amounts to around 4.5 million m<sup>2</sup>. This international portfolio of semi-industrial and logistics buildings is spread over more than 200 sites at prime logistics locations for storage and distribution in Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and Romania. More information about WDP can be found at [www.wdp.eu](http://www.wdp.eu).

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