

## Carl Mestdagh announces the appointment of Dimitry Melchiors as the new CEO of Equilis Netherlands

Carl Mestdagh, Executive Chairman Equilis Europe – "Equilis' story is exciting for me in many ways. Above all, what really fascinates me is this 'adventure' of first-class men and women, who want to create stories that bring more purpose to our daily lives.

Dimitry has been part of the management team Equilis Netherlands from 2017 and successfully contributed to flagship projects such as Living Vredeoord in Eindhoven, Missiehuis Driehuis and WIL-apartments in Hoofddorp. It is clear to us that the combination of his values, expertise, Equilis knowledge, high-quality network and experience make him the right leader to further shape the growth of Equilis Netherlands.

It is important for me to acknowledge the work of Francine Zijlstra who launched Equilis on the Dutch market and headed the Dutch management team. Equilis is pleased that Francine will continue to contribute to the completion of the existing projects and financial affairs for another couple of months. Her professionalism, diplomatic result-oriented approach and her top-notch eye for aesthetics have always been an important asset in our collaboration. I respect her on her choice to focus her career on supervisory board positions, furthering a senior living concept and exploring her creative horizons. We wish her happiness and great success".



**Dimitry Melchiors, CEO Equilis Netherlands** - "I am honoured to be appointed as CEO. I would like to take on the challenge of further expanding Equilis on the Dutch market. After an exciting start we are ready for the next chapter. It is a challenging time for the entire real estate sector, including developers. Together with the shareholders, the European Board and the Equilis professionals in 6 countries, we have a wonderful team to pick-up the right opportunities to create sustainable Happy Stories.

It is my ambition and passion to develop appealing projects with a meaning. It's quite a challenge though, as we must develop, and sustain growth through high-quality achievements that address tomorrow's challenges. We will also need to adapt our strategy in an evolving macro-economic context, where agility and vision will be increasingly important. I would like to thank Francine for the more than 5 years of professional and inspiring cooperation and the European Board of Equilis for the trust they have placed in me."

"Our goal is to develop living spaces that create value and make a positive impact on society. Equilis Europe has built an ecosystem that allows the company to define each project's sustainable ambitions, to encourage emulation within the teams, and to stimulate the development of innovative solutions. Each project is unique and conceived accordingly. Each time, we create an A to Z story, by anchoring it in its own context, and by inspiring and reflecting the local community. Very important in this vision of sustainability is the commitment to transformation projects, which is also a market's specificity in The Netherlands".- Olivier Beguin, CEO Equilis Europe

## **ABOUT Dimitry Melchiors**

Dimitry has an extensive track record in the world of technical and commercial real estate development and financing. He was active as an advisor, developer and supervisor on behalf of the Dutch Healthcare Authority and worked internationally as a director at Bouwfonds Property Finance. Dimitry has been active on behalf of Equilis Netherlands as from 2017.

## **ABOUT EQUILIS**

Equilis. Building Happy Stories.

We create places where people build the stories of their lives.

Love stories, business stories.

Happy stories.

Stories that last.

When Equilis was set up in 2006 by Carl Mestdagh, environmental and social issues were already a priority. The company develops and supports ambitious projects that aim to make a positive impact. They range from retail and residential developments to offices. This can involve the rehabilitation of former industrial sites, residences for the elderly or for students, leisure spaces, car parks, cultural and public spaces, and many others. Its diversified and broad portfolio extends across Europe with offices in Belgium, France, Spain, the Netherlands, Poland and Germany.

Over 16 years, Equilis has developed over  $400,000 \text{ m}^2$  of properties including 1,500 housing units, with  $500,000 \text{ m}^2$  in the pipeline, including 4,000 residential units.

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