

## Investor News

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### **HELIOS acquires majority of maximum care hospital in Duisburg, North-Rhine Westphalia**

HELIOS Kliniken GmbH, a subsidiary of Fresenius, strengthens its position as the largest private hospital operator in the state of North-Rhine Westphalia, Germany. The company has agreed to acquire 51 percent of the share capital in Katholisches Klinikum Duisburg hospital (KKD). The remaining share capital will be held by local institutions related to the Catholic Church.

KKD operates a maximum care hospital with four locations in Duisburg and a total of 1,034 beds as well as a rehabilitation clinic with 220 beds. KKD also operates two nursing care facilities. In 2010, KKD's hospitals provided inpatient care for about 30,000 patients (thereof 26,500 in acute care). KKD has about 2,200 employees and achieved 2010 sales of approximately € 134 million.

HELIOS will establish two new hospital buildings to consolidate KKD's acute care operations into two locations. The total investments by the company will be approximately € 176 million, over five years.

HELIOS already operates 10 acute care hospitals in North-Rhine Westphalia including maximum care facilities in Wuppertal and Krefeld.

The acquisition is still subject to the approval of antitrust authorities and is expected to close in the first quarter of 2012. The parties agreed not to disclose the purchase price.

The acquisition will be financed from cash flow. For 2012, the KKD as well as the Damp acquisition and Fresenius Medical Care's recently announced acquisitions are not expected to lead to Group leverage above the target range of 2.5 to 3.0 net debt/EBITDA.

"The acquisition of this maximum care hospital is another important step in the growth strategy for our hospital business. It provides an excellent geographic and medical fit to the HELIOS network. The HELIOS success story at the nearby Krefeld hospital shows that we can successfully develop maximum care facilities under private ownership", said Dr. Ulf M. Schneider, CEO of Fresenius.

Fresenius Helios is one of the largest private hospital operators in Germany. HELIOS owns 64 hospitals, including five maximum care hospitals in Berlin-Buch, Erfurt, Krefeld, Schwerin and Wuppertal. HELIOS treats more than 2 million patients per year, thereof approximately 650,000 inpatients, and operates about 19,000 beds.

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HELIOS Kliniken Group has 64 clinics, of which 44 are acute hospitals and 20 are post acute care clinics. With five maximum care hospitals in Berlin-Buch, Erfurt, Krefeld, Schwerin and Wuppertal, HELIOS maintains a leading market position in the privatization of hospitals of this size in Germany. In addition, HELIOS has 30 medical care centers. HELIOS is one of the largest providers of inpatient and outpatient care in Germany and treats more than 2 million patients per year, thereof approximately 650,000 are inpatients. HELIOS has about 19,000 beds and 34,000 employees. Sales in 2010 were €2.5 billion.

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