



PRESS RELEASE

**KOS (CIR GROUP): NEW ACQUISITION IN THE MARCHE REGION,
MORE THAN 5,200 BEDS NOW OPERATIONAL**

Control acquired of the Sanatrix group, owner of a care home in the province of Macerata with 205 beds and revenues in 2009 of 23 million

Milan, January 28 2010 – **KOS SpA**, the company of the **CIR group** active in the residential care sector of the healthcare business, has today finalized the acquisition, through its subsidiary **Istituto di Riabilitazione S.Stefano**, of **Sanatrix SpA**, the group in the Marche region which owns a **care home with 205 beds** in Civitanova Marche (Macerata). The deal involved a disbursement of approximately **18 million euro**. KOS, which already had a minority shareholding in Sanatrix, now holds a **stake of 76.9%** in the company.

The healthcare and care home business acquired consists of 90 beds devoted to hospital care, 50 to long-term care and rehabilitation and 65 to residential care for the non self-sufficient elderly (RSAs). The **revenues** reported by the Sanatrix group in 2009 were over **23 million euro**. The activities carried out by Sanatrix have a **high potential for integration** with the rehabilitation services offered by Istituto di Riabilitazione S.Stefano, the subsidiary of KOS which is based in nearby Porto Potenza Picena (Ancona).

Following this acquisition, the number of **beds managed** by KOS **will rise to 5,253**, plus another **388** under construction. The KOS group is **active in three sectors**:

- managing **residences for the elderly** with **38 care homes** under management (**3,836** beds in operation and 336 under construction);
- managing **hospitals and rehabilitation centres**, with **10 rehabilitation units** (situated in Lombardy, Emilia Romagna, Trentino and Marche, including the one just acquired), **9 psychiatric rehabilitation communities** (in Liguria, Piedmont and Lombardy) and **13 day hospitals**, for a total of **1,287** beds in operation and 52 under construction;
- managing a **hospital and high-tech services** in hospitals, with **7 diagnostic imaging units**.

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