

# **PRESS RELEASE**

SGS will certify the safety and hygiene of all centers and business parks owned by LAR ESPAÑA

# • The Socimi was the first in the retail segment to request a verification stamp for all its assets

**Madrid, May 12, 2020.** The Socimi Lar España and SGS, a world leader in inspection, verification, analysis and certification, have agreed to collaborate in the development of a verification certificate for all safety and hygiene measures against Covid19. The certification will serve to open the shopping centers and parks owned by Lar España with the maximum guarantees of hygiene and safety for both clients and professionals.

This certificate, which will be a pioneer in the Retail sector of our country, seeks to provide customers, merchants, owners and administrations with the maximum guarantee that the different facilities apply the correct measures, always in accordance with the regulations that are applicable in the successive phases of de-escalation.

The shopping centers owned by Lar España are managed exclusively by Grupo Lar and its subsidiary Gentalia, which have already been applying different sets of safety and hygiene measures. Among others, it has controlled access and capacity, supervised the maintenance of the physical safety distance, the disinfection and sanitation of the facilities of the centers, the delivery of means of protection and personal hygiene and the maximum purification of the air conditioning and the water supply.

From now on, SGS will verify and certify compliance with the protocols in accordance with the regulatory requirements established by the national and regional health authorities. They must meet the best standards and essential application practices and each and every one of the shopping centers owned by Lar España will be inspected to verify their correct implementation, which will entail the issuance of the certificate of conformity.

**For José Manuel Llovet, general director of Retail, Logistics and Offices of Grupo Lar, "**Lar España's collaboration with SGS underlines the will and common commitment to preserve the safety of professionals and clients. By verifying and certifying the measures implemented, our clients will be able to access the centers knowing that their safety will be the main axis of action at all times. Safe spaces for safe clients ".

**Alejandro González, General Manager of SGS Spain**He added that "we are at a time where, more than ever, we have to take care of people and the environment. It is a pleasure for us to collaborate and to be able to make available all our experience in the sector. Our goal is to ensure that the highest hygiene standards are met to protect both visitors and workers in the shopping centers owned by Lar España".



## About LAR ESPAÑA Real Estate SOCIMI SA

LAR ESPAÑA REAL ESTATE SOCIMI, SA is a company listed on the Spanish Stock Exchanges, constituted SOCIMI "Sociedad Anónima Quizada de Inversión en el Mercado Inmobiliario" in March 2014. The company, which has the objective of investing in the Spanish real estate sector, especially in the segment *retail*. Today it is the Spanish market leader in retail, with nearly 600,000 square meters for rent and 1,552 million euros in asset value.

In 2015 LAR ESPAÑA was included in the FTSA EPRA / NAREIT Global index, a selective global index designed to represent general trends in listed real estate companies around the world. Likewise, in 2018 it was included in the Ibex Top Dividend index. In September 2019, for the fifth consecutive year, Lar España has been awarded the *EPRA Gold Award* regarding the quality of the financial information made available to its main stakeholders. Regarding the information published on Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability, Lar España has obtained the highest distinction from EPRA, achieving the *Gold Award* for second consecutive Year.

### **About SGS**

SGS is a world leader in inspection, verification, analysis and certification, and is regarded as the world's leading benchmark for quality and integrity. It has more than 94,000 professionals and a network of more than 2,600 offices and laboratories around the world. www.sgs.com

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