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## **Morning Headlines:**

## Befimmo - 60% of interim dividend taken in new shares

- > Befimmo announced that 60.1% of its shareholder base has elected to take the interim dividend of EUR3.35/share (ex-div 28 November, pay date 16 December) in new shares.
- > The issue price was set at EUR46.9/share, implying that 747,966 new shares will be created (4.5% of existing number of shares excl treasury shares, 4.3% inclusive)

  Source: Company

## **Exane BNPP View:**

- >This is the first time that a scrip option has been offered to shareholders
- >We are not overly surprised by the relatively high take-up rate for the scrip option given the discount to NAV that the stock is currently trading at (issue price implies a 22% discount to latest published EPRA NNNAV of EUR60.0/share)
- >On our estimates, this reduces the cash element of the dividend by EUR33m, and reduces FY11e LTV by 1.6 percentage points
- >Befimmo reported an LTV of 42.5% at end-September vs Sicafi limit at 65%, so while the company appears at low risk of covenant breach, we believe it is still desirable to keep cash in the business in the current credit-constrained environment.

## **European Real Estate Calendar**



