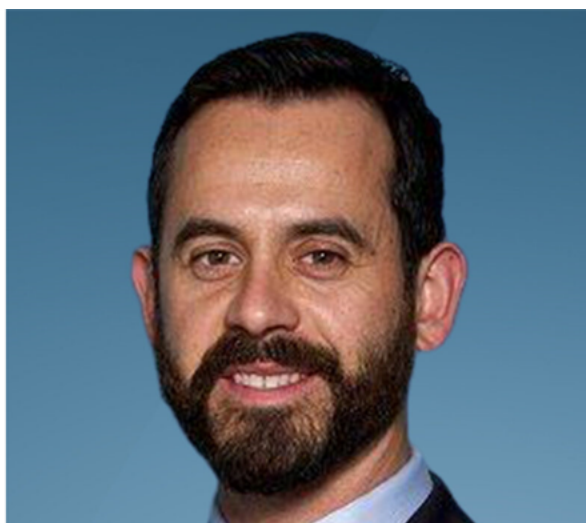


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Veteran property exec joins Harrison St as head of European healthcare investment

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Chicago-headquartered investment firm Harrison Street has strengthened its European investment team with the appointment of Jose de Pablo to the newly-created role of director of European healthcare acquisitions, PropertyEU can reveal.

De Pablo, a former investment director at Octopus Real Estate, will spearhead Harrison Street's healthcare real estate strategy in Europe, bringing over 20 years of global real estate, healthcare and senior living investment experience to the firm. While at Octopus Real Estate, he led retirement living transactions and joint venture partnerships with leading real estate managers.

Prior to Octopus Real Estate, De Pablo worked at Colliers International as a director providing strategic advice for care home, retirement community and hospital deals across Europe. He has held a number of roles in senior living since he began his career at Sunrise Senior Living in Washington D.C.

Paul Bashir, CEO of Harrison Street's European business, said: 'Jose brings a

proven track record of success as a healthcare investor to Harrison Street and we are thrilled to welcome him to the team. As we continue to expand Harrison Street's healthcare real estate investing expertise across Europe, we are eager to leverage Jose's deep relationships within the European healthcare market. We are also excited to welcome Yasin and Philip to the firm as their significant industry experience will enable Harrison Street to further expand our investment and diligence capabilities.'

Harrison Street has also hired Yasin Ismail from Round Hill Capital, as a vice president of finance, and Philip Wedge-Bernal, a former associate director of EMEA living research and strategy at JLL, has joined the firm as an assistant vice president on the European research team.

In total, the firm has hired 12 professionals to its European business so far this year, the majority of which have been brought on amid the pandemic, including its new CEO, Bashir, who joined in June. The investment firm's European business invests primarily in student housing, life sciences and BTR.

In 2019, Harrison Street raised €700 mln in equity for its second European fund.



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