

## PRESS RELEASE

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### ING provides update on evaluation process ING REIM

As previously announced, ING is conducting an evaluation of the position of ING Real Estate Investment Management within the Banking business. Within the context of this evaluation, ING today confirms that it is in discussions with several parties on a possible sale of parts of the ING Real Estate Investment Management businesses.

These contacts may or may not lead to one or more transactions. Any speculation on scope, pricing and conditions of possible transactions would be premature. Any further announcement on this matter will be made if and when appropriate.

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