



Madrid to host the next edition of The District, Europe's leading event for real estate capital

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Madrid, 3 December 2025 – [The District](#), Europe's largest real estate event from a capital investment perspective, will hold its next edition in Madrid. After four years in Barcelona, **the summit will take place from 22 to 24 September 2026 at IFEMA Madrid**, bringing together **more than 15,000 industry professionals**. The announcement was made by regional president Isabel Díaz Ayuso, who highlighted the importance of hosting this global congress in strengthening the region's projection as a hub for investment and major international trade fairs.

Since its launch in 2022, The District has aimed to become the European epicentre of property, where deals are closed, market macro-trends are shaped, and the sector's most influential success stories are shared. This mission seeks to drive forward an industry that has recently been influenced by global economic policies, geopolitics, and the pressing EU-wide challenge of housing shortages, particularly in the affordable segment.

With the goal of continuing to address these challenges, maintaining its leadership position in Southern Europe, and ensuring a steady flow of capital into Spain, The District will organise its next edition in Madrid. The decision is further supported by three strategic reasons that will enhance the event's expansion.

The first is **the support of the Region of Madrid**, which has been involved in every edition of the summit as a founding member and a committed advocate for investment. The community, which was the guest territory in 2024, has been closely linked to The District throughout its trajectory, fostering its evolution and growth both nationally and internationally.

The second reason is the **positive momentum the region is experiencing in the property sector**. According to market reports, Madrid is currently one of the preferred destinations for real estate capital in Europe. Since 2022, it has entered the Top 10 most attractive European cities for investment, climbing the ranks to reach second place in 2025. Forecasts for 2026 maintain this level, underlining the city's dynamism and stability while consolidating its prominence on the international stage.

The third motive is **the region's strong connection with LATAM**. Latin American investors are increasingly turning their eyes to Spain, which is acting as a gateway for new funds entering Europe. Madrid has been at the centre of this trend, concentrating more than 60% of such

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investment activity in the country since 2019, reinforcing its role as a bridge between the two continents.

According to **Juan Velayos**, President of The District: *“We are confident that hosting the next edition in Madrid will contribute to advancing the real estate industry at the European level, while also ensuring that Spain continues to host a global event that brings together the sector’s key players. This will allow the country’s two main cities, Madrid and Barcelona, to continue strengthening their ability to attract institutional capital and consolidate a more robust pipeline in affordable housing and other segments—such as hotels, data centres, or urban infrastructure—where they hold particularly competitive positions.”*

Velayos also expressed appreciation for the role of Barcelona City Council, highlighting *“its collaboration in the organisation, which has allowed the congress to continue shaping the direction of Europe’s real estate sector.”*

The latest edition of The District in Barcelona brought together **14,537 real estate executives** from more than 40 countries and hosted **over 400 international speakers**, including leaders from major global firms such as Blackstone, Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan, TPG, Blackrock, Rockfield, Starwood, and Hines. In 2025, the event generated an economic impact of over **€35 million**.

About The District (22–24 September 2026, Madrid):

The District is the largest European event dedicated to real estate from the investment perspective. The summit features a dedicated Hospitality area and a full programme within *The District World Summit*, the global benchmark congress on capital structures in the real estate industry, comprising five auditoriums. It is the main meeting point for real estate stakeholders seeking opportunities and new projects that drive urban transformation and shape the future of the sector in Europe. The District is organised by NEBEXT – Next Business Exhibitions.

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