

MPC Synergy Real Estate commits \$1 billion to Indian realty sector

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MPC Synergy Real Estate, the joint venture between German financial company MPC Capital and Swiss Synergy asset management, on Thursday announced that it would invest \$1 billion in Indian real estate. The company, which has raised money from German retail investors, is also planning to raise funds to invest in Indian equities.

The company's first investment was in the Anil Nanda-promoted Akme Projects for the development of three residential projects in Bangalore, Mohali and Ludhiana for \$200 million.

"We have made one investment in Akme Projects and there are two more projects in the pipeline, each worth \$400 million. If these two projects go through, we would touch \$1 billion in investments in India within a year," said Synergy Asset Management MD Jay Oberoi.

German financial services major MPC Capital develops, manages and sells high-quality capital investment products. Besides real estate, the company is also active in shipping, infrastructure and private equity. By end December 2006, MPC Capital had over 261 funds with an investment volume of \$18.5 billion. It has 95

property funds with a total investment volume of more than \$7 billion. In India, its investments will be only through its JV with Synergy Asset Management.

Besides its joint venture with Akme Projects,

MPC Synergy Real Estate's other two projects will also be joint ventures with local partners. While one is a hospitality project, the other is a shopping mall.

MPC Capital is the first German retail fund to invest in the Indian real estate space, which will give retail investors in Europe access to the domestic Indian real estate market.

