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MRV Engenharia's \$200 Million Investment in AHS Residential

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Holland & Knight advised MRV Engenharia E Participacoes S.A. and AHS Residential in the transaction. **Demarest Advogados served as Brazilian counsel.**

MRV Engenharia E Participacoes S.A. executed a \$200 million investment in Miami-based real estate company AHS Residential.

MRV announced its intention to acquire a 50 percent interest in AHS on September 4.

The investment from MRV will allow AHS to expand its operations throughout the United States.

The deal is expected to close near the end of the month.

AHS Residential was founded in 2012 by Rubens Menin Texeira de Souza and CEO Ernesto Lopes to exclusively develop, build and manage high-quality multifamily communities. To date, the company has delivered seven new rental communities throughout Florida, servicing over 3,000 low to middle-income residents, with several new developments currently under construction.

Mr. Rubens Menin is also the founder and chairman of MRV (BVMF: MRVE3), which is Brazil's largest real estate developer, with more than 22,000 employees and a presence in more than 158 Brazilian cities.

The Holland & Knight team advising MRV and AHS was led by partner Peter Baumgaertner (Picture) and included partners Arman Kuyumjian, Mark Stone and Tara Vance, and associates Anush Yegyazarian, Samantha Peruto and Christopher Marotta.

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