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Aveo increases its holding in the Retirement Villages Group fund from 23.3% to 38.7%.

Australia's leading owner, operator and manager of retirement communities, Aveo Group Limited (ASX: AOG) today announced it has increased its holding in the Retirement Villages Group (RVG) fund from 23.3% to 38.7%.

RVG comprises 29 retirement villages across greater Melbourne and Sydney with a total of 3,436 independent living units and serviced apartments. RVG has no balance sheet debt and \$60 million of cash on deposit. Aveo Group is the fund and asset manager of RVG.

Aveo acquired the 15.4% stake at a price of 24.75 cents per security, representing a 12% discount to RVG's NTA per security at 31 December 2014. The transaction is expected to be earnings per security neutral in FY16. The total transaction value was \$55.8 million, which was funded via a cash payment of \$10.9 million and \$44.9 million of Aveo securities issued to the exiting RVG investors. The portion of the transaction that was cash funded represented 19.6% of the total transaction value which is consistent with the Board's target gearing range of 10% - 20%.

Aveo CEO Geoff Grady said: "RVG is a quality portfolio that we know well and have a long-standing commitment to. Increasing our stake in it is entirely consistent with our strategy to opportunistically expand our total retirement footprint across Australia."

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About Aveo

"We will grow with older Australians by inspiring greater living choices."

Aveo is a leading and trusted owner, operator and manager of retirement communities across Australia. Aveo's philosophy is underpinned by a commitment to grow with older Australians by inspiring greater living choices. We currently do so for 12,000 residents in 75 retirement villages across Australia. Aveo also manages and develops a diversified \$575 million property portfolio. Over 30 years, Aveo's portfolio has grown to one that encompasses retirement, residential, commercial, industrial and mixed-use property assets. Together these communities define how hundreds of thousands of people in Australia live, work, retire and invest.

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