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Meridiam opens the Felix Bulnes Hospital, its first health facility in South America, providing services to a population of 1.2 million people

The Felix Bulnes Hospital in Santiago, Chile opened on April 18th, 2020 and welcomed its first patients. This brand new, state-of-the art hospital will provide health and sanitary services, emergency in-hospital, outpatient, adult, pediatric and maternal care to a population of 1.2 million people from one of the poorest areas of Chile. The hospital construction began in 2015.

With a capacity of 523 beds, and located on 4.2 hectares, the hospital is modern and innovative, using environmentally friendly systems and materials, energy-efficient architecture and with the most stringent anti-seismic technology.

President Piñera of Chile announced that the opening of the hospital will directly contribute up to 30% of the government's plan to add beds to the healthcare system to tackle the coronavirus pandemic.

For Thierry Déau, CEO of Meridiam: "We are very proud of the Felix Bulnes hospital opening, which will contribute to increase health services to one of the poorest, underserved areas of Santiago. The health sector is very important to me and is the focus of a central part of our strategy as it makes a direct and positive difference in people's lives. Through proactive public-private partnerships, investing in hospitals and other health facilities brings benefits to local economies and social developments, as well as raises standards and boosts the efficiency of healthcare."

This new hospital is part of Meridiam's global strategy to deliver resilient infrastructure and develop sustainable cities. The firm's major health sector include seven hospital projects in Turkey, Chile and France and a stake in LIFT companies in the UK, totaling more than 55 local facilities. Providing healthcare services to 20 million people in partnership with National Health Care systems, those facilities have a total capacity of more than 8,000 beds and represent for Meridiam an investment of €400 million.

Chile has a robust and well-functioning public health system which is organized regionally. This approach, unique in South America, is also considered the best health system on the South American continent. Chile now devotes 7.9 GDP points to health, by far the highest level in South America.

About Meridiam

Meridiam was founded in 2005 by Thierry Déau, with the belief that the alignment of interests between the public and private sector can provide critical solutions to the collective needs of communities. Meridiam is an independent investment Benefit Corporation under French law and an asset manager. The firm specializes in the development, financing, and long-term management of sustainable public infrastructure in three core sectors: mobility, energy transition and environment, and social infrastructure. With offices in, Addis Ababa, Amman, Dakar, Istanbul, New York, Luxembourg, Paris, Toronto and Vienna, Meridiam currently manages US\$8 billion and more than 80 projects and assets to date. Meridiam is certified ISO 9001: 2015, ISO 26000 "Advanced" by VigeoEiris and applies a proprietary methodology in relation to ESG and impact based on United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). www.meridiam.com [Twitter Meridiam](https://twitter.com/Meridiam) [LinkedIn Meridiam](https://www.linkedin.com/company/meridiam)

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