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PURetail¹ Fund sells a prime high-street retail portfolio in Linköping, Sweden



On behalf of the Pan European Urban Retail Fund, “PURetail”, a Luxembourg FCP-SIF available to professional investors only and closed to subscriptions since July 2014, La Française Real Estate Partners International (LF REP International) and Aberdeen Asset Management have successfully sold the “Estelle/Oscar”-Portfolio², a high-street retail portfolio located in Linköping, the fifth largest city in Sweden. The portfolio includes three properties, for a total lettable area of 8.647 sqm, let to national and international brands and retailers.

The Fund, managed by the joint venture between Aberdeen Asset Management and LF REP International, recorded a successful four year holding period. LF REP International was responsible for the Asset Management and reduced vacant areas through successful re-lettings to international brands creating a well-balanced tenant mix of retail, office and restaurants. Smart value-creating capital expenditures were made. The sale illustrates LF REP International and Aberdeen’s ability to create value for existing PURetail investors.

Jens Goettler, Managing Director for Germany, La Française Real Estate Partners International, said: “This first sale of properties from the PURetail portfolio demonstrates the capability of the joint venture partners to create attractive returns for the investors in the fund and to realize the original business plan. Urban retail properties have benefitted from the upswing in the investment and occupational markets. The joint venture has been able to implement successful asset management initiatives which have led to the desired results.”



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Ross Braithwaite, Fund Manager Aberdeen Asset Management, said: “we are delighted to have sold these properties well in the market, crystallizing a good risk adjusted return for investors in the fund.”

Catella Corporate Finance and Delphi advised PURetail on the sale.

The buyer is a local family office.

¹The PUREMENTAL fund, a Luxembourg FCP-SIF available to institutional investors only, was closed to subscriptions in July 2014. La Française Real Estate Partners International is the asset manager of the fund alongside of Aberdeen, the fund manager.

²This is an example of an investment held within the portfolio. It is not indicative of future sales and does not fully reflect the composition of the fund.

About the Pan European Urban Retail Fund, PURetail Fund

The Pan-European Urban Retail Fund (“PURetail”) is a core plus property fund and aims to exploit the return potential offered by inner-city retail assets in mature Western European markets. It offers investors the opportunity to benefit from the strong trend of re-urbanisation and the resulting demand for high quality retail space, as well as the strengths of Aberdeen, former Scottish Widows Investment Partnership (SWIP) and La Française Real Estate Partners International (LF REP International), former Cushman & Wakefield Investors (CWI), as active Fund and Asset managers. The investment approach of the fund is core plus and it focuses on the retail sector in high street and city center locations within stable and mature markets – Germany, France, and Sweden - which offer the greatest liquidity and opportunity to benefit from a general economic recovery.

The first property was purchased in Germany - Düsseldorf in 2011. Five investments were completed in 2012, two in France - Paris and Dijon and three in Sweden - Linköping. The fund acquired four further assets in Germany – Stuttgart, Cologne in 2013, Lübeck and Stuttgart in the beginning of 2015.

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*as at 31/12/2016

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