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# La Française Acquire 21 Charlemont for approx. €45m Forward-purchase agreement for 37,000 sq. ft. office building Building is pre-let to communications company, ViaSat

Savills Ireland has today, Tuesday 5 September 2017, announced the acquisition of 21 Charlemont, Dublin 2 on behalf of La Française Group – a French-based asset management firm with €64bn in assets. The forward purchase agreement, which was completed in the region of €45m, represents La Française Group's first entry into the Irish market.

Situated in the heart of Dublin's central business district overlooking the Grand Canal, the Grade A property comprises 37,000 sq. ft. of office space in a 6-storey over basement office building. Its corporate neighbours include a whole host of multinationals, including Zendesk, Google, Amazon, KPMG, Deloitte, MetLife and Accenture.

21 Charlemont – developed by Rohan Holdings – was one of the first speculatively developed Dublin office buildings to proceed in the current cycle. The project commenced in April 2015 and is due for completion in the coming days. It was announced in June that the building has been fully pre-let to communications company, ViaSat at a rate of €55 per sq. ft.

## Brendan Delaney of Savills Ireland comments:

"We're delighted to have represented La Française Group in their entry to the Irish market. 21 Charlemont is a quality asset with the benefit of a pre-let agreement to a reputable multinational firm. The buildings central location, and the variety of transport links and amenities on its doorstep, provided prospective buyers with a rare opportunity to acquire one of Dublin's best new-builds. We look forward to continuing our relationship La Française Group and supporting them on any further investments in the Irish market."

La Française is 92%<sup>\*\*</sup> owned by Credit Mutuel Nord Europe (CMNE), a banking and insurance group present in Northern France and Belgium. It has a multi-affiliate business model organised around four core activities: real estate, securities, investment solutions and direct financing. With 566 professionals and offices in Paris, Frankfurt, Geneva, Greenwich (CT, US), Hong Kong, London, Luxembourg, Madrid, Milan, Seoul and Singapore, La Française manages over €64bn in total assets, of which over €15bn are real estate assets.



# Marc Betrand, CEO/CIO of La Française Global Real Estate Investment Managers, comments:

"On behalf of La Française Group, it is a pleasure to announce our entry into the Irish market with the purchase of 21 Charlemont from reputable developer, Rohan Holdings. We are very impressed with the high quality of the development, which benefits from superb transport links and a pre-letting to a leading US broadband and communications business. These excellent fundamentals will ensure long-term, sustainable returns for our investors."

## Jamie Rohan, Managing Director of Rohan Holdings, comments.

"We are delighted to have completed this office deal with leading fund La Française. It has been very satisfying to transform another vacant site into a prime HQ facility and we continue to seek out new opportunities in this sector."

## About La Française Global Real Estate Investment Managers

The real estate activities of La Française have been united under the brand La Française Global Real Estate Investment Managers (GREIM). This umbrella brand covers La Française REM, La Française Real Estate Partners and La Française Real Estate Partners International.

La Française REM is the French leader in collective real estate investments in terms of capitalisation (as at 31/12/2016, IEIF). A specialist in third-party investment and asset management, it is present across all French real estate markets. It has also developed a platform for real estate mandates, offering dedicated solutions for institutional investors with investment strategies ranging from Core/Core+ to Value Added and Opportunistic within the La Française Real Estate Partners structure.

La Française Real Estate Partners International provides a complete investment management service in both direct and indirect real estate investments for a wide range of international clients across continental Europe, the UK and Asia. It operates from offices in London and Frankfurt (and recently opened an office in Seoul). The platform is a recognized specialist in core and core-plus real estate investment strategies throughout Europe.

La Française GREIM has over €15bn in assets under management (as at 30/06/2017) and offers a complete range of tailored real estate solutions to investors across the globe.

## About La Française

For forty years, La Française has been developing core competencies in third party asset management.



La Française has a multi-affiliate business model organized around four core activities: securities, real estate, investment solutions and direct financing. The group caters to institutional and private clients throughout the world.

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Credit Mutuel Nord Europe ("CMNE"), a banking and insurance group present in Northern France and Belgium, holds 92% \*\*of the voting rights of La Française. La Française's employees and management are also shareholders in the company.

\*as at 30/06/2017 \*\* as at 16/03/2017

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