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Private Investors Make Their Move

New investors returned to the property scene in the last month of the year, with subscriptions to two of REAL's available schemes.

Total equity in the CampbellProperty Student Accommodation Investment Fund grew by 3.5%, while Titan Investment Fund (Kosice) added 26% of fresh equity. Until now, new investors were conspicuous by their absence in the second half of the year while taking stock of the effects of the credit crunch.

Private investors are facing difficult decisions in the light of low interest rates on savings, and risks of company failure affecting their equity and corporate bond portfolios. According to REAL director Alan Bate;

“It's not surprising that property is starting to look appealing to new investors. Valuations have seen a substantial correction and in this buyer's market, allowances for further reductions in 2009 are already baked into the cake. For those worried about the security of assets and credentials of the management team, our schemes give access to a tangible investment class, using simple on-shore structures based on English legislation proven over more than a century.”

The CampbellProperty fund has now achieved over 75% occupancy in its newly-refurbished student houses, and is experiencing unprecedented early demand to make reservations for the 2009/10 academic year. The Titan scheme investing in Slovakia has its second purchase under offer and is well-placed to negotiate further acquisitions in a market stimulated by Euro-entry on 1st January 2009.

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