

# REFLECTIONS ON REAL ESTATE

## JUNE EDITION

## 1 INVEST IN FRANCE OPPORTUNITIES IN COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

29 JUNE - 11AM (KWT) / 10AM (FR) / 9 AM (UK)

### The session will cover:

- Overview of Europe's best performing real estate market in 2021.
- Focus on the office and hospitality segments.
- Fact-based legal and fiscal perspectives.
- Case studies and success stories.

### Key-note speaker:

**H.E Anne-Claire Legendre** (Ambassador of France in the State of Kuwait)

### Speakers:

- **Mazen Khoury** - Board Member, F&C Kuwait
- **Edouard Vitry** - Paris Real Estate Partner, Addleshaw Goddard
- **Firas Oggar** - President F&C Kuwait, Moderator

There is no need to register. Join using the button below on 29th June at 9am (UK) / 10am (FR) / 11am (KWT).

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## 2 UNVEILING THE BRITISH NORMANDY MEMORIAL

French Partner Edouard Vitry, interviews Trustee Nicholas Witchell on the British Normandy Memorial.

The memorial, which was unveiled on 6 June 2021 (the 77th anniversary of the Normandy landings), honours the soldiers who died under British command on D-Day - and in the fighting that followed.

The interview discusses the challenges faced in acquiring 14 plots of land and building the memorial during the 6 year, £30 million project.

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## 3 WHY PRIDE IS SO IMPORTANT IN ATTRACTING TALENT

It's Pride month, and many firms across the country and the world will be marking it with events, changing their corporate logo to reflect the colours of the rainbow and voicing their support for the LGBTQ+ community.

But in this day and age, is it still important for organisations to mark Pride?

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## 4 WHY BUSINESSES HAVE JUST FOUR YEARS TO ACT ON SUSTAINABILITY

Businesses that fail to shape their sustainability strategy now, could face business-critical challenges in the very near future. That's just one of the messages we got from speaking to 1,000 business and finance leaders across the UK & Europe. Our exclusive online events reveal why businesses have just four years to act on sustainability.

- **Sustainability Supply:** break the mould or break the chain. How highly does London rank in investment priorities for 2021 compared to the rest of Europe?
- **Engaging People:** People are at the heart of sustainability success. Are companies truly embracing this or just virtual signalling?
- **Juggling Priorities:** Can sustainability provide a competitive advantage that will see survival of the greenest? Or is it yet another pressure for boards? Does the office sector remain an attractive investment prospect or has the pandemic prompted investors to look at other sectors?
- **Data and Reporting:** Competing sustainability reporting standards are confusing and slowing progress. How do we tackle this issue?

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## 5 UNLOCKING CAREERS IN PROPERTY

AG has become the first law firm to join of pathways to property, a UK-wide initiative which seeks to raise awareness of career opportunities within the real estate sector, particularly supporting people from less-advantaged backgrounds.

To date the programme has:

- Engaged with over 20,000 students.
- Awarded nearly £230,000 in bursaries.
- 701 young people have attended the programme's Summer School. Of these 84% did not have family experience of Higher Education.

Since the project began, 24% of Summer School participants who have completed school/college are now either studying a property related degree or working in the industry.

Anna Heaton, real estate partner at AG, said *"A key part of our Social Mobility Diversity and Inclusion strategy at AG is to contribute in ways that have real impact; where we can add value through our experience and collaborate with innovative organisations to drive positive change, particularly in our key markets such as Real Estate. We have long admired the work of Pathways to Property and are excited to get started."*

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## 6 LIFE SCIENCES

Corporate partner Shelley McGivern has written for CoStar about trends and opportunities associated with investment in the UK life sciences sector.

In early 2020, with the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, both public and private funding into life sciences sky-rocketed, crystallising the high societal value of the life sciences sector like never before. At the same time, the pre-pandemic tailwinds - including an ageing population, rising lifestyle diseases and the trend towards private healthcare - all continued to build, creating major new opportunities for real estate providers.

Companies such as AG client Bruntwood Scitech have been mobilising at speed to help meet the demand for build out of 'innovation districts' throughout the country, creating spaces where the private and public sector can work together on creating breakthroughs in the science and tech sectors, including research and testing related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Shelley concludes that, as the sector grows, real estate requirements for emerging innovation clusters, including Bristol, Cardiff and Edinburgh, will likely coalesce around state-of-the-art technology and disruption-resilient spaces, all aligning with world-class ESG standards.

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