

### **BMO Real Estate Partners expands UK Property Fund team with Assistant Fund Manager appointment**

**London, 11 February 2019** – BMO Real Estate Partners (BMO REP), part of Canada's BMO Financial Group's £198 billion<sup>1</sup> Global Asset Management business, has expanded its £550 million BMO UK Property Fund team with the appointment of Emma Gullifer as an Assistant Fund Manager, based in London.

In her new role at BMO REP, Emma will be responsible for the fund management of the flagship £550 million BMO UK Property Fund, reporting directly to the Fund Manager, Guy Glover. In addition to having oversight of the fund and review of new acquisitions, Emma will also be actively involved in client liaisons and ongoing marketing of the fund. The fund, which has steadily grown over the past eight years, comprises of a diversified portfolio of over 50 assets spread throughout the UK.

Emma joins BMO REP following four years at DTZ Investors where in her most immediate role, she was an Assistant Portfolio Manager. In this role, Emma worked across two discretionary balanced UK Property pension fund mandates, and a non-discretionary mandate specialising in UK Offices and her responsibilities included carrying out transactions and ongoing asset management initiatives, as well as contributing towards the creation of fund strategies. Emma holds a BA in Linguistics from the University of Cambridge, an MSc in Real Estate from Cass Business School, and is a member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

**Guy Glover, Fund Manager of BMO UK Property Fund at BMO Real Estate Partners, said:**

“Given Emma's cross-sector expertise combined with demonstrable fund management experience, we are confident that she will be a valuable addition to the team. We are very pleased to welcome Emma on board and look forward to benefitting from her insights and capabilities as we aim to continue delivering on our strategy going forward.”

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<sup>1</sup> Assets Under Management (AUM) reported is as at 30.09.2018 and includes both discretionary and non-discretionary assets.

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## **About BMO Real Estate Partners**

BMO Real Estate Partners is a specialist real estate investment manager firm with £6.2 billion of AUM<sup>2</sup> across core European markets, employing more than 140 staff, including more than 20 investment managers and over 25 asset managers overseen by a highly experienced and well-regarded management team.

It offers investors a broad suite of products specialising in core / core+ strategies with an aim to deliver superior income returns and a track record of performance against key benchmarks throughout market cycles. BMO Real Estate Partners has a strong localised presence with offices in London, Paris and Munich, as well as on-the-ground reach in core European markets including Spain and Italy.

While it retains an independent, agile and entrepreneurial approach to its investment activity, BMO Real Estate Partners is able to call on the support structure and expertise of BMO Financial Group's £198billion<sup>3</sup> Global Asset Management business, which provides deep seated insight into institutional investment landscape and facilitates the adoption of best in class corporate governance and sustainability principles.

## **About BMO Global Asset Management**

BMO Global Asset Management is a global investment manager with offices in more than 25 cities in 14 countries, delivering service excellence to clients across five continents.

Our four major investment centres in Toronto, Chicago, London and Hong Kong are complemented by a network of world-class specialist managers strategically located across the globe: BMO Real Estate Partners, LGM Investments, Pyrford International Ltd. BMO Global Asset Management is a signatory of the United Nations-supported Principles for Responsible Investment initiative (UNPRI).

BMO Global Asset Management is a part of BMO Financial Group, a highly diversified financial services provider based in North America with total assets of CDN \$774 billion as of 31 October 2018, and over 45,000 employees.

*The value of investments and income derived from them can go down as well as up as a result of market or currency movements and investors may not get back the original amount invested.*

*The value of directly held property reflects the opinion of valuers and is reviewed periodically. These assets can also be illiquid and significant or persistent redemptions may require the manager to sell properties at a lower market value adversely affecting the value of your investment.*

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