

The Association of Real Estate Funds Monthly Newsletter June 2018



AREF promotes transparency and corporate governance with launch of Quality Mark

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Quality Mark

This month saw the launch of the above AREF Quality Mark to highlight those member property funds which are achieving a high standard of transparency and corporate governance.

One of AREF's key aims is to ensure that its fund members offer consistently high-quality products and services to investors through adherence to its Code of Practice. The Code outlines a framework for good corporate governance within real estate funds, as well as aiming to promote consistency and comparability between funds.

The newly launched Quality Mark indicates those funds which are compliant with the Code across three categories including: governance of the fund, operation of the fund, and unit dealing and performance reporting.

To read the full press release [please click here](#).

Events

All our events are open to our Full, Affiliate and Associate members, as well as Professional Investors and Fund Non-Executives

11 July 2018

AREF FutureGen Summer Drinks
Hosted and sponsored by CBRE

26 September 2018

AREF Annual Dinner

Gold Sponsor - Aztec Financial Services
Silver Sponsor - RBC Investor & Treasury Services

October 2018 - date tbc

Launch of F-O-R-T Training Series

November 2018 - date tbc

FutureGen Event 'Retail - Dead or Alive'

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Great Brexpectations? - A Paper from AREF



The latest AREF paper 'Great Brexpectations? Opportunities and threats for real estate funds' was launched at the wonderful AREF Summer Drinks Reception on 21 June.

AREF asked a selected group of experienced individuals, all grappling with different Brexit issues, for their views on the implications, opportunities and threat. The responses we received were surprisingly diverse, as organisations hope for a soft Brexit and plan for a hard Brexit.

A copy of the Great Brexpectations paper can be downloaded by [clicking here](#). Many thanks to Vistra for sponsoring this paper.

Summer Drinks Reception



Many thanks to all those who attended the AREF Summer Drinks Reception. Special thanks to UBS for hosting it on their beautiful terrace. The views over the City were incredible, the weather was perfect and the company sublime. A good time was had by all!

AREF Annual Dinner & Awards

All the tables for the AREF Dinner 2018 have now been booked. There are still some hosted bars available, please get in touch if you wish to book (info@aref.org.uk).

We (Brexit) need you....

The Public Affairs Committee has, unsurprisingly, long had Brexit on its agenda, and with 'Brexit day' fast approaching it is time for a little less conversation and a little more action. We are looking for volunteers to join an AREF Brexit working group to help navigate through the choppy waters that lie ahead and to act as the eyes, ears and voice of the real estate funds industry. We are looking to create a mixed group covering multiple disciplines, including individuals with a PR background who would be most welcome. If you or someone you know would be interested in joining the working group please contact us at info@aref.org.uk.

FutureGen Update



Members of the AREF FutureGen Committee would like to invite FutureGen staff

members (in our member and investor firms) to the inaugural FutureGen Summer Drinks event, kindly hosted and sponsored by CBRE at their rooftop bar.

This is an opportunity for the next generation of Real Estate Practitioners to meet, get to know each other and network in a relaxed environment. There will be a BBQ (weather permitting) on the evening and drinks available.

- [Click here](#) for event invitation.
- Read more about the AREF FutureGen Committee [here](#).
- Join the FutureGen LinkedIn Group by [clicking here](#).

Pass this info onto your FutureGen colleagues! They should email us their details to be added to the FutureGen Group: Email: info@aref.org.uk.