

The Association of Real Estate Funds Monthly Newsletter July 2018



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AREF Board Evaluation

In its pursuit of good governance the Board has completed its first Board evaluation review. This self managed process captured Board members' views on specific questions around effectiveness, at an individual and collective Board level and any matters that members felt the Board should consider more strategically. [Click here](#) to view the full note on this, which includes information on succession planning and objectives for the future.

Reform of Limited Partnership Law

On Friday 20th July AREF submitted a response to the BEIS consultation on Reform of Limited Partnership Law. Please [click here](#) to view AREF's response. To read more about this and other initiatives the Public Affairs Committee are working on [click here](#).

AREF FutureGen Summer Drinks

The FutureGen Inaugural Summer Drinks event was a great success with 70 FutureGen members soaking up the sun on CBRE's beautiful roof terrace with views overlooking St Paul's Cathedral. Deborah Lloyd, Chair of AREF, gave an introduction to AREF's work and engagement in the industry, before attendees watched the England vs Croatia World Cup game. To view the full event summary 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

26 September 2018

AREF Annual Dinner

Gold Sponsor - Aztec Financial Services

Silver Sponsor - RBC Investor & Treasury Services

October 2018 - Date & Venue TBC

FutureGen Event 'Retail - Dead or Alive'

Oct/Nov 2018 - Date & Venue TBC

Launch of F-O-R-T Training Series

Event 1: Capital Gains Tax

February 2019 - Date TBC

F-O-R-T Training Series

Event 2: Fund Structures

Cass Business School

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Institutional Investor Cost Disclosure

The Institutional Disclosure Working Group (IDWG) was formed to gain agreement on templates for cost and fee disclosure by asset managers to institutional investors including one dedicated to physical assets. The group published a summary of its recommendations in July 2018. [Click here](#) to view the IDWG webpage, including the recommendations. The use of the templates is expected to be voluntary, although it is encouraged.

Open Ended Fund Pricing

AREF partnered with INREV to initiate a focus group of real estate investment managers and their advisors to fully discuss and analyse the issues involved around the best method for pricing open-ended real estate funds.

The Study was offered as a consultation paper and both AREF and INREV held roundtable discussions with members to gather feedback. You can read more about the [project here](#). The Phase 1 results were released on 18 July 2018. Click to view the [Snapshot](#) or [Full Report](#).

Committee News

We are delighted to announce that:

- Guy Glover, BMO Real Estate Partners, has joined the Management Committee;
- Oliver Hamilton, AON, has joined the Research and Information Committee;
- Naomi Green, Schroders Real Estate Capital Partners, has joined the Corporate Governance Committee.

Committee vacancies

FutureGen Committee - We have a vacancy on the FutureGen Committee. We are ideally looking for an individual in the first 10 years of their career in the real estate sector to apply.

Brexit Working Group - 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. If you are interested in either of these roles, please email info@aref.org.uk.

Capital Gains Tax

HMT/HMRC published draft legislation on Capital Gains Tax changes (excluding funds) and the proposed treatment of funds on Friday 6th July.

[Click here](#) for a link to the draft legislation. The proposed treatment of offshore funds is set out in annexe A of the summary of responses to the consultation which can be found [here](#). Annexe A can be found on page 33.

As a result of AREF's lobbying (and others) the complex issues around pension funds investing in off shore funds was seen to require more thought, as there was no intention to prejudice them, and so there is further consultation on the matter.

AREF welcomes the government's commitment to build on the detailed consultation responses and discussions with the Industry in respect of how the proposed Non-Resident Capital Gains Tax rules will apply to Collective Investment Schemes. In particular we are pleased with the acknowledgement of the importance of avoiding tax for exempt investors and reducing the risk of multiple tax charges within fund structures. These are key points that AREF has previously raised with HMRC and HM Treasury.

AREF continue to engage with HMRC and HM Treasury to ensure that we can reach appropriate solutions that work for the Industry whilst also meeting the government's aims.

[Click here](#) to view a recent article in IPE on this topic.

AREF Annual Dinner and Awards 2018

All the tables for the AREF Dinner have now been booked. We are looking forward to a lovely evening with members on Wednesday 26th September.

