

MEDIA RELEASE:**Real Estate Securities Exchange launch planned for London
World first for commercial property investment**

London, 21 October 2015: London Real Estate Exchange Limited confirms that it is progressing plans to launch the world's first fully regulated securities exchange dedicated to the admission and trading of companies owning single commercial real estate assets.

The proposed exchange will seek authorisation as a Recognised Investment Exchange from the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") and, subject to this being achieved, will trade as IPSX (the "International Property Securities Exchange").

IPSX seeks to provide institutional and private investors alike, irrespective of size of investment, with a proxy for direct ownership of commercial real estate in a regulated environment with full transparency and liquidity. Investors will be able to buy and sell shares in companies owning single commercial real estate assets admitted to IPSX in the same way and at a comparable cost to shares in companies traded on existing equity stock exchanges.

The aggregate value of the global institutional commercial real estate market is estimated to be in excess of \$30 trillion. Institutional investor asset allocation to the market varies by country but is typically low single digit despite the strong yield and capital characteristics of the asset class. In the UK 3% of institutional assets under management are allocated to real estate (Source: Investment Association). Retail investor direct exposure to commercial real estate is negligible.

Commercial real estate owners (institutional, private and corporate) will have access to a new capital markets solution to complement existing private market sale options. An admission on IPSX will provide owners with flexibility to retain a majority economic share in a company owning the commercial real estate asset as opposed to binary "own" or "sell" options as well as greater flexibility as to when to sell.

The flexibility to sell a minority share in a company admitted to IPSX has already generated interest from commercial real estate owners including owner occupiers with strategically important real estate assets held on balance sheet which could offer a release of cash to the core business and improve return on capital.

IPSX will be open to both domestic and international commercial real estate owners, subject to satisfying the admission criteria and rules for the exchange and the FCA.

Subject to regulatory approval being granted, IPSX plans to launch commercially in 2017.

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Notes to Editors:

- London Real Estate Exchange Limited (“LREE”) is the holding company for the launch of a fully regulated stock exchange (a “Recognised Investment Exchange”, (“RIE”)), equivalent in regulatory status to the large international equity stock exchanges, dedicated to the admission and trading of companies owning a single commercial real estate asset. The Exchange will trade as “IPSX” or the International Property Securities Exchange.
- LREE was established by Anthony Gahan, Cyril Théret and Ian Axe and has been financed privately.
- Recognising the governance and regulatory obligations of an RIE at board level, LREE has configured its board with senior level exchange, investment management, banking, media and real estate experience. LREE’s directors are:

Anthony Gahan (Founder and Non-Executive Chairman) – with over 25 years of investment banking experience including as a director of Robert Fleming & Co. Ltd, a senior banker at Lehman Brothers and, since 2002, a founding partner of Wyvern, the London corporate finance firm.

Cyril Théret (Founder and CEO) – with 20 years’ experience in financial services including at: State Street Bank & Trust; the London Stock Exchange (in both a regulatory and sales capacity); and at PLUS Markets Group plc which achieved RIE status in 2007 and where he initiated a restructuring and cost savings programme before managing a strategic sale to ICAP plc in 2012.

Ian Axe (Founder and Non-Executive Director) – with 20 years of capital markets, private banking and strategic business consulting experience most recently as Group Chief Executive of LCH Clearent and previously at Barclays Capital and Booz Allen & Hamilton.

Sly Bailey (Non-Executive Director) – former CEO of Trinity Mirror Plc, subsequent to being CEO of IPC Media where she led the £1.2 billion sale of the business to AOL Time Warner. Currently a non-executive director of Ladbrokes PLC and Greencore PLC. Previously a non-executive director of EMI PLC, Littlewoods PLC and the Press Association.

Roland Bellegarde (Non-Executive Director) – a stock exchange expert currently Senior Adviser to Tadawul, the Saudi Stock Exchange, and most recently Group Executive Vice President of NYSE Euronext, a member of its management committee and board roles at LIFFE, Euronext, Interbolsa, LCH Clearnet and the Qatar Exchange.

Michael Covell (Non-Executive Director) – former Managing Director, Goldman Sachs (Co-Head of the Private Wealth Management Division (London), Head of the Wealth Services Group (Europe)); Chartered Accountant and a senior partner at Rawlinson & Hunter; Currently Chairman of Tilney Bestinvest Group and non-executive roles in wealth management and family offices.

Sir Brian Ivory (Non-Executive Director) – former Group CEO and subsequently Chairman of Highland Distillers PLC, Vice Chairman of Shawbrook Bank and currently Chairman of Marathon Asset Management, Scottish American Investment Company, Arcus European Infrastructure Fund.

Charles Knight (Non-Executive Director) – a founding partner of Mansford Real Estate, an FCA authorised real estate fund management business with over £2bn invested in the UK real estate sector and currently deploying a £500m equity fund.