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Christ's Hospital appoints Swiss Life Asset Managers UK as investment manager

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Swiss Life Asset Managers UK has been appointed as investment manager of a new account mandate for Christ's Hospital's UK commercial property portfolio.

Swiss Life Asset Managers UK has been appointed by Christ's Hospital as the investment adviser of a new separate account mandate for it's £120m UK commercial property portfolio.

Christ's Hospital is an exempt charity with a total endowment valued at £440m, with approximately 40% allocated to commercial and rural property.

As a leading charity, Christ's Hospital works to address disadvantage through transformative education. Established in 1552, the school offers free and reduced-cost places to over 600 students each year, making it the largest provider of such opportunities in the UK.

The value of the school's endowment ensures this number of bursary places can be provided annually.

The core-plus mandate will aim to deliver attractive long-term returns through stock selection and proactive asset management. This strategy leverages Swiss Life Asset Managers' thematic investment approach, which will recast the portfolio towards assets aligned with structural tailwinds most likely to support long-term income and capital growth. ESG risk mitigation and improving asset-level ESG credentials will be prioritised.

Tim Munn, CIO at Swiss Life Asset Managers UK, comments: "Our appointment by Christ's Hospital is a testament to our successful track record in advising UK charities on their property investments, and we look forward to working with Christ's Hospital to build a portfolio that can deliver secure, resilient and sustainable income with good growth prospects."

Jenny Baxter, COO at Christ's Hospital, adds: "We are delighted to have appointed Swiss Life Asset Managers UK as our property investment manager. We are confident that the team will position our property investment portfolio to deliver attractive performance over the long term to further our charitable mission. We look forward to working with the team."

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As at 31 December 2024 assets under management for third-party clients amount to £ 109.7 billion. Together with insurance assets for the Swiss Life Group, total assets under management at Swiss Life Asset Managers stood at £ 239.6 billion. Swiss Life Asset Managers is a leading institutional real estate investor in Europe¹. Of the assets totalling £ 239.6 billion, £ 77.2 billion is invested in real estate. In addition, Swiss Life Asset Managers, in cooperation with Livit, manages real estate totalling £ 18.3 billion in value. Total real estate assets under management and administration at the end of December 2024 thus came to £ 95.4 billion.

Swiss Life Asset Managers employs more than 2300 people in Europe.

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1 #2 IPE Top 150 Real Estate Investment Managers 2024 Ranking Europe, #2 INREV Fund Manager Survey 2024

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