



James Thornton to step down from the Chairman role at Swiss Life Asset Managers UK

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James Thornton currently serving as Chairman at Swiss Life Asset Managers UK will step down from his role with effect on 30 April 2024.

Swiss Life Asset Managers UK has announced that its Chairman and former CEO, James Thornton will stand down as of 30 April 2024 and leave the business.

James co-founded the business, originally Mayfair Capital Investment Management, in 2002 and oversaw its sale to Swiss Life Asset Managers in 2016. Today the business manages £ 2 billion assets under management, comprised of the Property Income Trust for Charities as well as various other funds.

James Thornton comments: “It is approaching 8 years since we became part of Swiss Life Asset Managers. The business is now fully integrated following last year’s name change to Swiss Life Asset Managers UK. The time has come to seek other opportunities in the industry, and I would like to thank and acknowledge the tremendous support I have received from all my colleagues

in the UK and in Zurich. In Swiss Life Asset Managers, we found a likeminded partner with a long commitment to investing in real estate. It has been a fabulous 22 years and I wish the business all the very best for the future.”

Per Erikson adds: “We are grateful to James for the trust and partnership as well as his dedication over the last years. On behalf of the Executive Committee, I would like to thank James for his valuable contribution to the success story of Swiss Life Asset Managers UK and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.”

A successor for the Chairman role will be announced in due course.

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Swiss Life Asset Managers

Swiss Life Asset Managers has more than 165 years of experience in managing the assets of the Swiss Life Group. This insurance background has exerted a key influence on the investment philosophy of Swiss Life Asset Managers, which is governed by such principles as value preservation, the generation of consistent and sustainable performance and a responsible approach to risks. Swiss Life Asset Managers offers this proven approach to third-party clients in Switzerland, France, Germany, Luxembourg, the UK, Italy and the Nordic countries.

As at 31 December 2023 assets under management for third-party clients amount to £ 104.4 billion. Together with insurance assets for the Swiss Life Group, total assets under management at Swiss Life Asset Managers stood at £ 238.7 billion. Swiss Life Asset Managers is a leading real estate manager in Europe¹. Of the assets totalling £ 238.7 billion, £ 79.7 billion is invested in real estate. In addition, Swiss Life Asset Managers, in cooperation with Livit, manages real estate totalling £ 19.8 billion in value. Total real estate assets under management and administration at the end of December 2023 thus came to £ 99.6 billion.

Swiss Life Asset Managers employs more than 2200 people in Europe.

Self-determined Life

Swiss Life enables people to lead a self-determined life and look to the future with confidence. Swiss Life Asset Managers pursues the same goal: We think long-term and act responsibly. We use our knowledge and experience to develop future-oriented investment solutions. This is how we support our customers in achieving their long-term investment objectives, which in turn also take account of their client's needs so they can plan their financial future in a self-determined manner.

¹ INREV Fund Manager Survey 2023 (AuM as of 31.12.2022)