





This is the fourth consecutive quarter that we have delivered growth in net assets. In addition, we have taken the positive step to announce today a further 6.3% dividend increase.

Lena Wilson CBE Chair, Picton





We have had another successful quarter and are encouraged by our pipeline of activity across all sectors. This reflects improving sentiment as lockdown restrictions ease and as market conditions normalise.

Michael Morris Chief Executive, Picton

Quarterly highlights

Financial

- Net assets of £545.7 million (31 March 2021: £528.2 million).
- NAV/EPRA NTA per share increased by 3.2% to 99.9 pence (31 March 2021: 96.8 pence).
- Total return for the quarter of 4.0% (31 March 2021: 2.2%).
- LTV of 20.6% (31 March 2021: 20.9%).

Dividend increase

- Dividend increased by 6.3%
- Interim dividend of 0.85 pence per share declared and to be paid on 31 August 2021 (31 March 2021: 0.8 pence per share).
- Annualised dividend equivalent to 3.4 pence per share, delivering a dividend yield of 3.8%, based on 26 July 2021 share price.
- Dividend cover for the quarter of 121% (31 March 2021: 122%).

Portfolio

 Like-for-like portfolio valuation uplift of 2.9% over the quarter as detailed below:

	weighting	movement
Industrial	53.9%	4.8%
Office	35.0%	0.2%
Retail and		
Leisure	11.1%	2.3%
Total	100%	2.9%

- Completed seven lettings, across all sectors, 2% below the March 2021 ERV with a combined annual rent of f0.9 million
- Secured an average increase of 21% against the previous passing rent from six rent reviews, all in the industrial sector, with a combined annual rent of £0.5 million which was 15% ahead of the March 2021 ERV.
- Stable occupancy of 91% (31 March 2021: 91%).

Rent collection

- 94% of June 2021 rents have been collected or are expected to be received under monthly payment plans. The collection rate is expected to improve further over the coming weeks.
- Rent collection rate of 95% for the March 2021 quarter.

Corporate summary

£528m

£493m
Market capitalisation*

£166m

3.8%

1.1%
Cost ratio

21%

Portfolio summary

46 Number of assets

£702m

4.5%

6.0% Reversionary yield

91% Occupancy

4.1m sq ft

* As at 26 July 2021

Portfolio update and market background



Industrial weighting

53.9%

South East	40.6%
Rest of UK	13.3%



Office weighting

35.0%

London City & West End	0.5%
Inner & Outer London	4.7 %
South East	10.7%
Rest of UK	11.1%



Retail and Leisure weighting

11.1%

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2.8%
1.4%

Portfolio update

Like-for-like, the portfolio valuation increased over the quarter by 2.9% or £19.6 million, and £1.7 million of capital expenditure was incurred across the portfolio during the period.

Strong investment and occupational demand in the industrial sector again led to positive performance. High occupancy within the portfolio is driving rental growth, which we are capturing through lease events and active management.

We secured a further occupier for all of the remaining office space at Stanford Building in London WC2, at an average rental of £80 per sq ft, which is 3% below the March 2021 ERV, but reflects a longer term ten-year lease commitment. Despite this, office demand in central London for smaller suites remains muted. Conversely, we are seeing good demand in the regions, with space under offer at a number of buildings. Overall, the office valuation was flat over the quarter.

The positive performance in the retail and leisure sector was driven by retail warehousing which offset a small decline in the high street retail assets over the quarter. Having secured planning permission for a change of use to offices, we secured HM Government for an end of terrace unit at Parc Tawe, Swansea. The letting secures £0.1 million of income for a minimum three year term, in line with March 2021 ERV. The scheme is now fully let.

As at 30 June 2021, the portfolio had a net initial yield of 4.5% (allowing for void holding costs) or 4.9% (based on contracted net income) and a net reversionary yield of 6.0%. The weighted average unexpired lease term, based on headline rent, was 4.9 years.

Occupancy was maintained at 91%.

Market background

According to the MSCI Monthly UK Property Index, the All Property total return was 4.0% for the quarter to June 2021, compared to 2.3% for the previous quarter.

Capital growth was 2.7% (March 2021: 1.0%) and rental growth was 0.4% for the quarter (March 2021: 0.0%). A more detailed breakdown of the MSCI Monthly Digest is shown below:

MSCI capital growth

		Number of MSCI segments	
	Quarterly growth	Positive growth	Negative growth
Industrial	6.7%	7	0
Office	0.0%	4	6
Retail	0.7%	9	10
All Property	2.7%	20	16

MSCI rental growth

	MSCI segments	
Quarterly growth	Positive growth	Negative growth
1.8%	7	0
0.1%	5	5
-1.0%	0	19
0.4%	12	24
	1.8% 0.1% -1.0%	Quarterly growth Positive growth 1.8% 7 0.1% 5 -1.0% 0





Key dates

Financial year end: 31 March Half year: 30 September

Dividend payments: August/ November/February/May

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