

Globalworth Real Estate Investments Limited (“the Company”)

Investing Policy

Investing strategy

The Company’s primary focus is to invest in a diversified portfolio of real estate assets situated in Romania and Poland, the two largest markets in Central and Eastern Europe. The Company may also invest in real estate assets located in other South-Eastern European and Central Eastern European countries. The Directors believe its primary markets of investment represent an attractive real estate investment proposition over the medium-to-long term.

By investing in income-generating properties, asset repositioning and development opportunities, and seeking to derive most of its income from multinational corporate groups and institutional financial tenants on long, triple net leases, the Company intends to provide investors with an attractive, risk-adjusted combination of yield and capital appreciation.

Globalworth is internally managed, with all investment advisory and portfolio management services exclusively provided by Globalworth Investment Advisers Ltd (“GIAL”), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. Asset management services to the Company’s real estate portfolio are provided by Globalworth Asset Managers (“GAM”), another wholly-owned subsidiary of Globalworth, which employs a team of 53 professionals.

Assets or companies in which the Company can invest

Investments made by the Company may take the form of, but are not limited to, single real estate assets, real estate portfolios and companies, joint ventures, loan portfolios and equity and debt instruments.

Strategy through which the investing policy is achieved

The Company’s strategy is to focus on acquiring underperforming or undervalued properties (due to financial distress, mismanagement or otherwise) and, through active asset management, to transform these into performing and marketable assets. Most of the current or expected income from these assets is derived from multinational corporate groups and institutional financial tenants on long, triple net and annually indexed leases.

Investment approach

The Company assumes a proactive approach to every real estate investment in the Company’s portfolio and pursues various asset management initiatives according to the most appropriate business plan for each investment. These initiatives may include: repositioning of existing assets (including re-letting, refurbishment or re-development); development of new assets, corporate restructuring and reorganisation; portfolio break-ups (for example, “wholesale” to “retail” trades); and optimising capital structure.

Holding period for investments

The typical holding period for any investment is expected to be five to seven years. The decision to exit a particular investment will be taken by the Company's board of directors ("the Board") following the recommendation of the Investment Adviser, and may be less or greater than the expected holding period. Such a decision may result from a variety of factors, including the need to optimise the risk/return of the investment, responding to asset or market dynamics, or taking advantage of an unsolicited enquiry, but always with a view to ensuring that returns to shareholders are maximised.

Gearing and cross holdings policies

The Company is permitted, directly or indirectly, to borrow for working capital, investment and any other purpose. Debt financing is expected to be an important component of the structuring and execution of the Company's investments, to improve returns for both developmental and income-generating assets. Borrowings may be undertaken by the Company itself or by any of its subsidiaries or project companies. The amount of leverage employed in respect of an investment is dependent on the nature of the opportunity, however, it is expected that the maximum loan-to-value for the Group will not exceed 60 per cent.

Hedging instruments

In connection with third party debt, the Company may enter into one or a series of interest rate hedging products (including, among others, swaps, caps, collars or options) to protect the returns of the relevant investment against adverse interest rate fluctuations. Although it is anticipated that all rentals and debt finance will be in Euro, the Company may also enter into one or a series of currency hedging instruments (including, among others, swaps, caps, collars or options) to protect the returns of the relevant investment against adverse currency fluctuations.

Investing restrictions

Unless the Board (at its absolute discretion) approves otherwise, the Company will not acquire or invest in commercial properties which do not satisfy the minimum pre-letting commitment targets which are as follows:

- for any logistics or warehouse property, pre-letting commitments for a minimum of 60 per cent. of the gross leasable area of such property; and
- for any other commercial property, pre-letting commitments for minimum of 50 per cent. of the gross leasable area of such property. These above restrictions will not preclude the Company making investments in short-dated cash or near-cash equivalent securities, which form part of its cash management practices.

Nature of returns that the Company seeks to deliver to Shareholders

To support shareholder dividends, the Directors anticipate that a sustainable cash flow will be generated through stable and recurring rental income, increased where appropriate

through active asset management. The determination as to whether or not to reinvest some of the proceeds of the disposal of an asset, and the declaration of dividends, is at the absolute discretion of the Board. It is intended that not less than 90% of the Company's funds from operations will be distributed to shareholders of the Company on a semi-annual basis, subject to solvency or other legal requirements.