

## **M&G CONTINUES TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PROPERTY PORTFOLIO**

• Next planned update on temporary suspension due 8 September

**LONDON, 11 August, 2020:** The Authorised Corporate Director of the M&G Property Portfolio ("the Fund") has decided, with the agreement of the Fund's Depositary, it can best protect the interests of all of its investors by continuing the temporary suspension in dealing in its shares.

The Fund's Standing Independent Valuer – Knight Frank – will continue to apply a statement of Material Uncertainty to its valuation of certain assets due to reduced transactional evidence available on which to base valuations. A total of £1.1 billion of the Fund's direct property assets are no longer subject to a Material Uncertainty Clause, equating to 58.4% of the Fund's net asset value (NAV) as of 31 July. Including the Fund's cash, REITs and indirect holdings, £1.4 billion of assets (65.6% of the Fund's NAV) are no longer subject to a Material Uncertainty Clause as of 31 July.

With several of the Fund's tenants paying rents on a monthly basis, 77% of the Fund's billable rent and service charge for June has been collected and income returns will continue to be influenced by the level of rental income received from tenants.

The fund has around £134.3 million of assets in solicitors hands for sale. There is no guarantee transactions will complete.\*

Reopening the Fund for dealing will depend on cash levels but will also be contingent on the Material Uncertainty Clause being adequately lifted. The Fund's current size stands at £2.1 billion.

The Fund continues to be actively managed and reported on during suspension and M&G continues to waive 30% of the Fund's annual charge in recognition of the inconvenience caused to our clients and customers.

The ACD and the Depositary reviews the temporary suspension on a 28-day cycle and we will provide you with our next update on 8 September, or earlier if needed.

# Fund activity update

• Cumulative total of asset sales since suspension: £155.5 million

• Assets contractually exchanged or under offer to sell: £139.3 million

\*As at the end of July 2020, the cash held by the Fund was 8.2%. £134.3 million of assets are under offer. There is no guarantee transactions will complete.

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