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Swiss Life REF (CH) Swiss Properties: Capital increase planned for acquisition of a new high-quality portfolio

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A capital increase is planned for Swiss Life REF (CH) Swiss Properties at the start of December 2020. The aim is to acquire a high-quality real estate portfolio worth around CHF 500 million.

The real estate fund Swiss Life REF (CH) Swiss Properties was launched on 2 November 2015 and successfully listed on the SIX Exchange in June 2019. The earnings and value development of the properties as well as the expansion of the portfolio have led to the successful development of the fund (annual performance since launch: 8.96%). Its investment focus is on residential real estate in Swiss cities and their suburbs. It also invests in commercial properties in central locations. The portfolio had 88 properties with a market value of around CHF 1270 million as at the end of March 2020.

The acquisition of a high-value property portfolio of approximately CHF 500 million is being evaluated to continuing the successful strategy of qualitative growth. The portfolio is currently owned by Swiss Life Ltd.

Swiss Life Asset Management Ltd has received the necessary authorisation from FINMA for the planned acquisition. The issue of new units to finance the property portfolio is planned for December 2020. Investors will benefit from the broader diversification achieved through expansion of the portfolio.

The new portfolio of 46 properties features a very high location and property quality and generates around 85% of rental income from residential units producing a steady return (more than 1100 apartments). Over three quarters of the properties are located in major cities and their suburbs or in medium-sized towns. With 23 properties, the focus is on Switzerland's dynamic major cities (Zurich 11, Geneva 5, Lausanne 4 and in Basel 3 properties). Following the acquisition, the fund will have 134 properties with more than 3200 apartments. Investors will thus continue to participate in the development of first-class Swiss real estate investments in the future.

The specific conditions of the planned capital increase will be announced in late autumn. Further information about the fund can be found by following the <u>link</u>.

Fund information

Name:	Swiss Life REF (CH) Swiss Properties
ISIN / Swiss security no.:	CH0293784861 / 29378486
Fund currency:	Swiss francs
Income:	Distributed
Legal form:	Contractual real estate fund
Fund domicile:	Switzerland
Fund management and adminis-	Swiss Life Asset Management Ltd.
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Fund management:	Swiss Life Asset Management Ltd.
Custodian bank:	UBS Switzerland AG, Zurich
Market maker:	Bank J. Safra Sarasin Ltd, Zurich
Launch date:	2 November 2015

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Swiss Life Asset Managers

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As at 30 June 2020 assets under management for third-party clients amount to CHF 82.9 billion. Together with insurance mandates for the Swiss Life Group, total assets under management at Swiss Life Asset Managers stood at CHF 256.0 billion. Swiss Life Asset Managers is a leading real estate manager in Europe¹. Of the assets totaling CHF 256.0 billion, CHF 71.4 billion is invested in real estate. In addition, Swiss Life Asset Managers has real estate under administration of CHF 28.3 billion through its subsidiaries Livit and Corpus Sireo. Total real estate under management and administration at the end of June 2020 thus came to CHF 99.7 billion.

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

 $^{\rm 1}$ INREV Fund Manager Survey 2020 (AuM as of 31.12.2019)

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