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## Welcome

## **Rory Blazeby**

Director – Alternative Investments at Ocorian & Member of AREF FutureGen Committee





## Introduction

**Andrew Boyce** 

Partner, Carey Olsen



# **Speakers**



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(Europe) Investment
Committee



## Agenda

- Introduction Andrew Boyce
- Training Presentation Olivia Drew & Robert Houston
- Moderated Q&A (moderated by Andrew Boyce)
- 11:00 Finish







## Introduction

#### Olivia Drew

Transaction Manager, RE-UK, UBS Asset Management & member of the FutureGen Committee





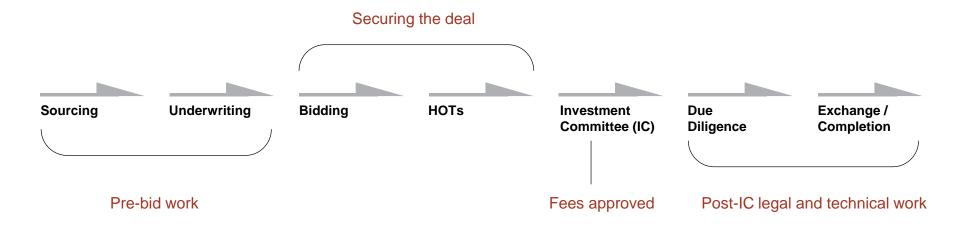
# Transaction and Investment Committee Process

AREF Educational Series – Session Two

Robert Houston, St Bride's Managers and Olivia Drew, UBS Asset Management



#### Typical timeline of the transaction process



- · The above graphic outlines the process that each transaction follows, but the time it takes to complete each stage can vary dramatically depending on a variety of factors
- The post-IC due diligence stage tends to be the longest part of the process, particularly if it is a share deal or leasehold transaction
- The order is set in stone. However, following due diligence findings, it may be necessary to revisit the IC stage for re-approval of the deal, including any points that have a material impact on the deal parameters



#### Pre-bid

#### Sourcing



- Fund strategy what product are you investing for and what sectors / geographies / lot sizes are you trying to source stock from?
- Importance of both agency and principal relationships –
  maintaining strong relationships with agents in the market is key,
  but relationships with other principals can also be important
- Allocation policy and conflicting products how do you tackle assets that suit two or more products on your product shelf?
- On market / off market deals

#### **Underwriting**



- Forecasting returns occupational market, investment market, inflation, rental growth
- Specialist advice and when should you seek it for example, care home underwriting
- Pricing considerations cost of capital and varying return requirements
- Presentation to Fund Manger / clients / investors hold periods, leverage, IRR / CoC



#### Securing the deal

#### **Bidding**



- Different types of processes full process, quietly marketed and off market
- First round / second round
- Visibility over the pack / when to put your best foot forward
- Maintaining discipline / emotional factors

#### **HOTs**



- · Commercial points to include what is critical to include at this stage, and what is worth holding back for legal negotiations?
- · Committing to a time frame
- · Demonstrating deliverability
- · Exclusivity period



#### Investment Committee - Transaction Manager perspective

#### **Investment Committee**



#### What goes into a good paper?

- · Compelling investment rationale
- Demonstrating its suitability for the product
- Providing strong supporting evidence, both investment and occupationally
- Covenant analysis (this is not always applicable and has varying levels of importance depending on the deal specifics)
- Comprehensive financial underwriting, with stress testing analysis

#### How to prepare for the meeting?

- Ask colleagues to review the paper for you
- Speak to members of the IC about the types of issues they might want to raise
- Consider the questions and analysis you first did when looking at the investment, and the key points that got you comfortable
- Expect a strong debate! And don't be disheartened by challenge



#### Post-IC

#### **Due Diligence**



- Share deal or asset deal this will significantly impact timing ability and the level of DD required
- Legal report on title etc.
- Technical building survey, M&E, environmental
- · Potential price adjustments
- Negotiation between lawyers, negotiation between principals

#### **Exchange / Completion**



- · Exchange conditional exchanges, deposits
- Completion



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## Introduction

#### **Robert Houston**

Founder of St Bride's Managers & Independent chair of UBS REPM (Europe) Investment Committee



## Investment Committees – Dispelling the Myths



- Objectives of the Investment Committee
- Membership, voting and meetings
- Areas of over-sight and approval

## Investment Committees - Objectives



- To ensure decisions are made in accordance with the agreed investment guidelines and restrictions
- To ensure diligent over-sight to investment proposals
- To avoid slip-ups and litigation!

## Membership, Voting and Meetings



- An independent chairman can introduce rigour and neutralise internal politics
- Whilst decisions by majority are the norm, some houses allocate a veto vote
- The more comprehensive the presentation, the shorter the meeting!

## Areas of Over-sight and Approval



- Alignment of the proposal with agreed hard and soft guidelines
- 2) Delivery of past performance
- 3) Future portfolio strategy, projections and asset business plans
- 4) High level structural intervention
- 5) Capital transactions, significant asset management initiatives and financing
- 6) ESG compliance
- 7) Impact of transaction on the portfolio

## An Independent Chairman's perfect dream



- Committee members who are focused, prepared and challenging... in a supportive way
- Strategies and performance critiques that are clear, committed, well thought-through and stretching
- Presentations that are concise, comprehensive and accurate



## **Moderated Panel Discussion & Q&A**

Moderator: Andrew Boyce

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## Thank you

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