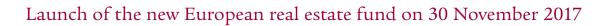
# Real Estate

# Swiss Life REF (CH) European Properties



- Investment focus on properties with stable value in European metropolitan regions
- Swiss Life Ltd aims to make a substantial investment at its inception and thus remain committed to this fund over the long term
- At the launch, Swiss Life REF (CH) European
   Properties is to have capital of at least EUR 250
   million
- A volume of over EUR 1 billion is envisaged in the medium term
- Listing on the SIX Swiss Exchange is expected in three to five years

# Advantages of investing in European real estate

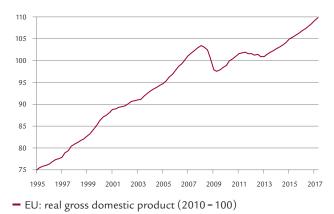
A limited range of offerings and intense competition are making it ever more difficult for institutional investors to find attractive properties in Switzerland. Thanks to investment in European real estate, Swiss investors can significantly expand their investable universe. Investments in European real estate generate attractive returns in the current low interest rate environment. They also have a low correlation to other asset classes. Exposure to European real estate reduces the overall risk of a Swiss real estate portfolio. Other advantages include the generation of stable returns through rental income and protection against potential inflation.

# Stable real estate market with a positive outlook

Economic forecasts indicate short to mid-term stable growth in Europe. We anticipate GDP growth of 2.1% in the current year and 1.4% in 2018 for all countries in the Eurozone, supported by positive leading indicators such as the Consumer Confidence and Purchasing Managers Index. Growth is increasingly widely buttressed across countries and sectors. The unemployment rate in the currency union sank from a high of 12.1% in March 2013 to 9.1% as of July 2017, its lowest level since 2009. Robust growth and declining unemployment are also in evidence in the other European economies.



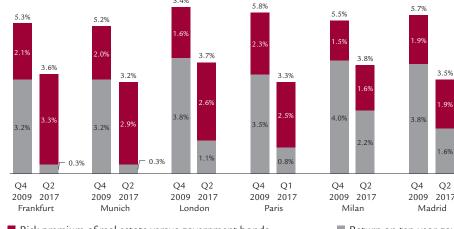
#### Indexed GDP development in Europe (real)



Source: Eurostat, Swiss Life Asset Managers

Economic development and the continuing low interestrate environment are having a positive effect on the real estate market, with returns for European real estate investments set to remain mostly stable in the current market environment according to our growth forecasts. We are expecting rising rents for office and retail spaces as vacancies fall.





5.4%

# Risk premium on real estate investments - example of office markets (%), illustrated in terms of prime yield

Risk premium of real estate versus government bonds

 1.5%
 1.9%
 1.9%

 3.8%
 3.5%
 3.7%

 4.0%
 3.8%
 1.9%

 2.2%
 3.8%
 1.9%

 1.6%
 2.1%
 2.4%

 2.2%
 1.6%
 2.1%

 2.2%
 1.6%
 2.1%

 2.2%
 2.09
 2.1%

 2.1%
 2.5%

 7
 -0.1%

 Q4
 Q2
 Q4
 Q2

 2009
 2017
 2009
 2017
 2009

 Milan
 Madrid
 Barcelona
 Zurich

5 7%

Return on ten-year government bonds (period averages)

Source: PMA, Wüest Partner AG, Macrobond / As at: 7.9.2017

#### Broadly diversified real estate portfolio

Swiss Life REF (CH) European Properties invests in European office, retail and residential real estate as well as mixed-use properties. It will focus on Core and Core+locations in large European cities and in European regional centres and their suburbs. The geographic focus of its investments will be European core markets (Germany, France, Austria and Benelux) with a strategic target allocation between 40% and 60% of capital assets. Other key target regions are the United Kingdom (10–20%), Scandinavia (10–20%) and Southern Europe (10–20%). Our selection of locations will be guided primarily by the real estate market cycles, economic strength, economic forecasts and a comprehensive local property analysis.

#### Investment strategy

- Investments will focus on office, retail and residential real estate and mixed-use properties as well as other commercial properties
- Selection of properties located centrally (Core and Core+ locations in large European cities and regional centres and their suburbs) with a low risk profile
- Focus on commercial multi-tenant structures; commercial single tenants as long as the tenant demonstrates adequate solvency
- Diversification in relation to geographical location, type of use, size and age with a clear focus on stableincome and stable-value investments
- Optimisation of rental income and stabilisation of property values via proactive asset management ("buy and manage")

#### Strategic allocation

Investment with focus on Core and Core+ real estate in Europe:

40 - 60%
0 - 30%
0 - 30%
0 - 10 %

Given current market conditions, a yield on distribution of around 3% in EUR are reasonable expectations for the Swiss Life REF (CH) European Properties fund.<sup>1)</sup>

<sup>1)</sup> The value indicated does not constitute a projection, forecast, promise or guarantee or the achievement of this target.



Sectoral investment strategy

Strategic bandwidth (minimum and maximum)

 $\blacktriangle$  Target allocation

Source: Swiss Life Asset Managers

## Sample portfolio<sup>2)</sup> (as at September 2017)



Core marketsInvestment markets

 $^{\rm 2)}$  The sample portfolio comprises properties currently under review. These may differ from the properties actually acquired.

Source: Swiss Life Asset Managers

#### **Reasons for a commitment**

- Swiss Life REF (CH) European Properties will offer institutional investors access to a real estate portfolio broadly diversified by country and sector
- Logical complement to Swiss real estate investments thanks to great diversification potential
- Strong commitment by Swiss Life Ltd as long-term investor ("alignment of interest")
- Swiss Life has many years of experience in real estate portfolio and asset management, coupled with outstanding knowledge of local markets and a strong local presence
- Sound growth expectations in Europe suggest stable returns and increasing rents for European real estate investments
- Partial inflation protection, since rents in many European countries are directly linked to the consumer price index
- Attractive conditions for first-time investors

#### About Swiss Life Asset Managers

Swiss Life Asset Managers has successfully expanded its investment business with third-party clients in recent years. Assets under management in this area have more than tripled in the past five years and came to over CHF 54 billion at the end of June 2017. Together with the investments of Swiss Life's insurance companies, Swiss Life Asset Managers has assets of some CHF 210 billion under management. With real estate in the value of around CHF 74.3 billion as at the end of June 2017, Swiss Life Asset Managers is Europe's largest institutional real estate investor<sup>3)</sup> with locations in Switzerland, France, Germany, Luxembourg and the United Kingdom. There are more than 1200 employees working in Real Estate.

<sup>3)</sup> PropertyEU, Top 100 Investors 2015, 2016 and 2017

## **Fund information**

## Conditions (one-off charge)

Issuing commission<sup>5)</sup> (accruing

Redemption commission % of NAV of returned units (accruing

to the fund management)

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0.40%≥EUR 30 m

0.70% ≥ EUR 10 m 0.90% < EUR 10 m

max. 5.00%

0.70%

0.35%

ca. 1.00%

max. 2.50%

max. 3.00%

l agal form		Contractual real estate fund under Swiss law
Legal form		
Fund domicile		Switzerland
Circle of investors		Qualified investors
Investment period		Indefinite
Fund currency		EUR
Target volume at issu	e	min. EUR 250 m.
Minimum subscriptic	on	EUR 250 000 (2 500 units)
Payment date for sec subscribed	urities	30 November 2017
Payment under subsc	ription	made in max. five tranches from 30.11.2017 to 28.2.2019
Distribution		Annual
Target distribution yi	eld <sup>4)</sup>	ca. 3 %
Target borrowing rati	0	20%
Accounting year		1 April to 31 March (extended first accounting year: 30.11.17 – 31.3.19)
Fund management company	Swiss L	ife Asset Management Ltd
Portfolio management	Swiss L	ife Asset Management Ltd
Custodian bank	(	Credit Suisse (Schweiz) AG
External auditors	Pric	cewaterhouseCoopers Ltd, Switzerland
Valuation expert	Wüe	st Partner AG, Switzerland

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