



Dear loyal members,

I'd like you to know how honoured I am to represent you in the position of Chairman this year.

In my first address, I would like to thank David Bowen for his hard work in chairing the 100 Property Club for the past year and take the chance to express our delight at the installation of three new committee members; Tim Baker, of Milton Investments will be stepping up to fill the role of Treasurer as we thank Tim Stephen who will be stepping down this year. In addition, Sarah Chapman, Chapman Consulting will be taking on the role of Communications, and Nicola Forgette, Gifford Grant will be assuming the mantle of Club Secretary going forward.

As we come to the twilight of another year, the 100 Property Club can look back over a period of which we can be proud to say that we have been able to continue our networking and charitable efforts in an environment that has faced distinct levels of uncertainty over the summer.

Following the announcement in June that the UK would be withdrawing its membership of the European Union, the economy, not to mention the property and construction industry waited with bated breath for the immediate impacts to unfold. Although doom and gloom was predicted, the aftermath was not as readily felt as was expected by many, and more recently, our sector has had some positive news in terms of its stability, with the latest monthly construction PMI showing a much stronger growth than expected and the fastest increase in new orders in six months.

Looking back over the year we have had some extraordinary events; from celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Property Club dinner in November last year, an event at which we were able to raise £40,000, the largest amount raised from a single event in our club's history. Not to mention the multitude of other gatherings such as the Golf Day at the RAC Golf Club which surpassed all expectations and was a wonderful event to be a part of, with Ray Ward of Armada House Securities celebrating the victory of the day.

We are now not far from counting down to the highlight event of our calendar, the 100 Property Club Christmas Dinner on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December at the Intercontinental Hotel, Park Lane where I look forward to welcoming you all to a night of entertainment and fundraising for another invaluable cause. Our guest speaker is comedian Simon Evans, who has been in a variety of TV appearances including Mock the Week and Michael McIntyre's Comedy Road Show. Simon is also a familiar voice on BBC Radio 4 as a regular on the News Quiz, The Unbelievable Truth and Armando Iannucci's Charm Offensive. Ticket sales are going well and we have already secured over 150 attendees and 3 main sponsors for this event. Please contact the committee for more information if you wish to attend.

In addition Adam Creighton has squeezed in another event on 7<sup>th</sup> November - a tour around 'London's new Creative Capital', Silvertown Quays, showcasing this new vibrant 7million sq. ft. regeneration. This tour was in high demand and all 25 spaces have now been filled by our members. We look forward to hearing the feedback at our next meeting.

Moving into the new year, we are working hard to put together a full list of events for the year and update on our website. Tim Baker has been finalising the details for the Gatwick Presentation which is scheduled for February, and hosted by Guy Stephenson from Gatwick Ltd. Guy will be looking to address the future development and expansion plans for Gatwick Airport.

These independent talks and tours are always well received and attended by our members, therefore if you can suggest or facilitate any similar future events, we will be keen to hear from you.

As we look to the future, please can you support me and the committee in looking for new members to join our organisation, particularly those from the industry including Investment Managers, Developers who may possibly be your guests at the forthcoming dinner.

Thank you for taking your time to read this statement and I look forward to working with you all in my new capacity.

Kind Regards,

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