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**PRESS RELEASE**

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## **HERMES CEMENTS ITS LEADERSHIP IN SUSTAINABILITY**

Hermes Real Estate has solidified its position as one of the leading real estate fund managers in the sustainability arena, gaining four GRESB Green Stars for 2014.

Hermes Real Estate submitted five funds to GRESB this year, with four out of five earning the highest honour. Of particular note was the Hermes Central London Limited Partnership, which earned the third highest score in Europe and sixth highest of all GRESB scores. Centre:MK also achieved the highest score among its peer group in the retail sector.

The Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB) is a leading source of portfolio-level sustainability data for the real estate industry that covers around \$5.5 trillion in assets under management.

**Chris Taylor, Chief Executive, Hermes Real Estate, said:** "These results are really a testament to the hard work of our investment team, asset managers and our dedicated Responsible Property Investment lead, Tatiana Bosteels. Investing in a sustainable and responsible manner is not only the right approach ethically, it is a smart business decision and meets the expectations of our growing client base. We look forward to improving on these excellent results in the coming year."

**Tatiana Bosteels, Head of RPI, Hermes Real Estate, added:** "For years, Hermes Real Estate has been a leader in the field of sustainability in the property industry. Our annual Responsible Property Investment Report released in June highlighted the great success that had been achieved over the past year. It is great to now see this benchmarked against our peers and further validates the hard work that the whole team has put in."

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## Notes to Editors:

### Hermes Investment Management

Hermes is focused on delivering superior, sustainable, risk adjusted returns for our clients – responsibly.

Hermes manages assets on behalf of more than 200 clients\* across equities, fixed income, alternatives and real estate, with £27.4 billion\* assets under management. In Hermes Equity Ownership Services, we have the industry's leading engagement resource, advising on more than £108.6 billion\* of assets.

We believe in **Excellence, Responsibility** and **Innovation**

- **Excellence:** We aspire to excellence in everything we do. This manifests itself most visibly in our investment performance. We will only offer products to our clients where we believe there is a strong investment thesis and where we can deliver sustainable alpha.
- **Responsibility:** We believe it is our responsibility to lead discussion and debate about the fiduciary responsibilities of fund managers to our clients, their stakeholders and, ultimately, society at large. We have always sought positive engagement with the firms in which we invest.
- **Innovation:** We have the entrepreneurial culture to identify forward-looking products that meet those needs, along with the resources and speed-to-market mentality to develop them rapidly.

Our structure gives clients globally the benefit of access to a broad range of specialist, high conviction investment teams operating within an established and robust operating platform.

Hermes' investment solutions include:

- **Equities:** Global, Emerging Markets, Small & Mid Cap, Europe, Asia Ex Japan
- **Fixed Income:** Inflation-Linked, Government Bonds, Investment Grade, High Yield, Multi Strategy
- **Real Estate:** Segregated, Unitised, Debt, UK, US Residential, European
- **Alternatives:** Commodities, Hedge Fund Solutions, Infrastructure, Private Equity

\*Please note the total AuM figure includes £3.6bn of assets managed or under an advisory agreement by Hermes GPE LLP ("HGPE"), a joint venture between Hermes Fund Managers ("HFM") and GPE Partner Limited. HGPE is an independent entity and not part of the Hermes group. £0.4bn of total group AuM figure represents HFM mandates under advice. Source: Hermes as at 30 June 2014.