

Sanlam UK adds Global Listed Real Estate to its range for UK investors

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- Catalyst Fund Managers is majority owned by the Sanlam Group
- \$350m fund offers liquid access to diversified set of global listed real estate assets

Sanlam UK is pleased to announce the addition of the Catalyst Global Real Estate Fund to its range of funds available to UK investors.

Launched in November 2007 and managed by Jamie Boyes, the addition marks the first time the Dublin-domiciled UCITS fund has been widely marketed to UK investors.

It offers diversified global listed real estate exposure across regions, countries, currencies, and real estate sub sectors and aims to generate positive income and capital returns over a medium to long term investment horizon.

Catalyst Fund Managers (catalyst.co.za) is majority owned by Sanlam, which has a shareholding of 69%. The Catalyst team continue to have significant equity ownership, a key principle aligned with all of the investment teams within Sanlam Investments UK.

The addition of the Global Real Estate fund to the Sanlam suite of funds marks a further step forward in Sanlam's ambition to expand its fund offering to UK investors.

Tom Carroll, Head of Asset Management, Sanlam, said: "We are excited to add Catalyst's proven investment management capability to the fold here in the UK. The team have been together for a long time and have built a very strong track record."

"Adding Catalyst to Sanlam's proposition marks yet another step forward for Sanlam's asset management arm in the UK as we expand the breadth of asset classes and strategies on offer to our clients. Today's announcement follows the recent addition of Sanlam's new fixed income team in April, bringing a range of top performing funds to the group. This latest addition expands what we can offer investors in the alternatives space. It is an exciting development and there are more projects in the pipeline."

Michael Arbuthnot, CEO, Catalyst Fund Managers, said: "Our investment team consists of dedicated real estate specialists with direct real estate market experience. This first-hand exposure to developing, financing, leasing and managing real estate provides our team with unique insight in the risk and return opportunities in the companies we cover and differentiates us from our peers. Real estate is a unique asset class that is best understood with direct real estate experience."

"With valuations depressed as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic's effect on markets and some direct property funds forced to gate due to a lack of liquidity, the diverse and liquid exposure to real estate offered by the Catalyst Fund is something we believe UK investors are well placed to benefit from. With attractive dividend yields and capital growth the total return expectations offered by listed real estate provides investors with an opportunity to invest in a well-loved asset class while getting exposure across the globe with next-day liquidity."