

PRESS RELEASE

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Capital Trust Acquires Prime Birmingham Office

The freehold interest in The Stock Exchange, Birmingham has been acquired by Middle East clients of The Capital Trust Group from Stoford Ventures Limited.

This 1920s landmark property which has been newly refurbished is let to EFG Private Bank for 15 years.

The Stock Exchange, 33 Great Charles Street, Birmingham comprises 24,825sqft of Grade A offices set over five storeys within a conservation area. The building has been shortlisted by the British Council for Offices (BCO) for the 2011 award for Best Refurbished/Recycled Workplace. The reception incorporates a double height reception area and an impressive former stock exchange hall which has been converted into meeting rooms, whist maintaining many historical features.

Finola Reynolds of the Capital Trust Group commented that 'this acquisition meets our investor's criteria being a striking building in a core city centre location with a long lease to an excellent covenant'.

This acquisition represents the Capital Trust Group's continued drive into the UK property market.

Knight Frank represented the purchasers.