

## GILLIAN TILTMAN RESIGNS AS MANAGER OF THE M&G GLOBAL REAL ESTATE SECURITIES FUND

- Future of the fund under review
- Richard O'Connor becomes new manager with immediate effect

**London 5 August 2014** – Gillian Tiltman has resigned as manager of the M&G Global Real Estate Securities Fund (GRESF) to pursue an opportunity with another investment manager.

Richard O'Connor, a previous manager of GRESF, will manage the fund with immediate effect. M&G will also initiate a review of the fund. The fund currently has a market value of €164 million.

Gary Cotton, Chief Executive of Equities, says: “We would like to thank Gillian for her contribution over the past six years. We are sad to see her go but wish her the best in her new role. Gillian leaves the Fund in the very safe hands of Richard while we review its prospects. During this period of review there will be no change to the fund’s investment approach.”

Gillian remains at M&G in an advisory role on the M&G Global Real Estates Securities Fund while serving out her notice, to ensure a smooth handover of Fund responsibilities.

	3 mths %	YTD %	1 year %	3 yrs %pa	5 yrs %pa	Tenure %pa
M&G Global Real Estate Securities Fund	5.1	9.0	-1.5	4.3	14.5	8.8
UK peer group average*	4.8	7.0	5.3	6.8	13.7	10.3
Quartile ranking	2	1	4	4	3	3

\*The UK peer group consists of members of the IMA Property sector that invest in property shares globally.

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M&G Global Real Estate Securities Fund	8.7	13.3	5.5	8.6	15.7	9.3
European peer group average	8.2	11.2	7.0	9.7	15.3	9.6
Quartile ranking	1	1	3	4	2	3

Source: Morningstar Inc, as at 30 June 2014

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**Notes to editors:**

**About Richard O'Connor**

Richard O'Connor joined M&G in July 2002 as a Fund Manager. He is currently responsible for managing the M&G Fund of Investment Trust Shares, Light Green Fund and various Index Funds. Richard joined M&G from Goldman Sachs where he worked as a consultant. Prior to this, he was with Standard Corporate & Merchant Bank Asset Management (South Africa) in a research analyst role, which he held for more than three years.

He has a Bachelor of Commerce degree from University of Natal and an Honours degree in Investment Management from the University of Johannesburg.

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