



## EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD REIM RAISES £155 MILLION FOR UK RESIDENTIAL FUNDS

Edmond de Rothschild Real Estate Investment Management (REIM) announces today it has raised £155 million of equity at the latest closes of its two UK residential investment funds, which are focused on delivering a positive social impact.

The Edmond de Rothschild Residential Investment Fund UK, which invests in the private rented sector (PRS) with a focus on need and affordability, has raised £135 million from European institutional investors following its second close. Funding Affordable Homes (FAH), a social impact company which builds and acquires affordable housing, has raised £20 million at its first close since Edmond de Rothschild REIM was appointed as Property and Investment Adviser.

The Edmond de Rothschild Residential Investment Fund UK, which was launched in August 2018, has now raised £266 million of equity, giving it total firepower, including debt, of around £450 million, exceeding its original target of £400 million.

It is creating a diversified portfolio of purpose-built PRS assets, delivering sustainable, stable and growing distributions over the long term. Using a unique and comprehensive research-led approach, Edmond de Rothschild REIM focuses on the lower-to-mid market and has identified regional cities and locations across the UK where demand for rented accommodation is strong and set to grow and where existing stock is predominantly old, poor quality and in houses of multiple occupation.

The fund's first six assets are forward funding agreements in Leicester (two sites), Birmingham (two sites), Warrington and Nottingham, which, in total, will deliver around 1,400 apartments. Edmond de Rothschild REIM operates a vertically integrated platform and provides a lettings and management service for the completed developments from its in-house PRS team.

FAH's new equity will enable it to continue delivering new affordable housing within the regulated housing sector, while providing investors with long and secure indexed-linked income streams. It has already acquired, or committed to acquire, around £170 million of socially beneficial housing projects in London, the east and south of England and other parts of the country. It typically provides forward funding to enable new properties to be built and managed by established local Registered Housing Providers, while also utilising its own subsidiary housing association, Funding Affordable Homes Housing Association, to provide access to grant funding and amplify the fund's social impact

FAH's current investors include Big Society Capital, which improves the lives of people in the UK by connecting social investment to social enterprises and charities to create a greater social impact, and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, an independent Foundation, working to inspire social change through research, policy and practice.

Both the Edmond de Rothschild Residential Investment Fund UK and FAH deliver further positive impact by regenerating or repurposing brownfield urban sites with the provision of new build housing. All are built in compliance with the latest UK sustainable building regulations and standards.

James Whidborne, head of residential fund management UK at Edmond de Rothschild REIM, said: "We are delighted with the support shown by investors towards our social impact residential investment strategy, both for private sector build-to-rent and regulated affordable housing. We aim to grow our UK residential platform to in excess of £1 billion over the next 24 months.

"We believe the current environment provides an excellent opportunity to create a diversified portfolio of UK rental assets delivering the panacea of sustainable investor returns and genuine social impact. This is at the heart of Edmond de Rothschild's core convictions".

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Edmond de Rothschild Residential Investment Fund UK and Funding Affordable Homes SICAV SIF S.A. are reserved exclusively to professional and other well-informed investors as defined under Luxembourg law and might come with restrictions for certain persons and in certain countries. The funds do not guarantee or protect the capital invested, so investors may not recover the full amount of their initial capital invested even if they retain their units for the recommended investment period. Any investment in the funds involves exposure to certain risks and not limited to liquidity risk, concentration risk (Real Estate investments) and currency risk. Any investment in Edmond de Rothschild Residential Investment Fund UK and Funding Affordable Homes SICAV SIF S.A. may in any event only be made on the basis of documents and information that comply prevailing regulations.

**ABOUT EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT**

The Edmond de Rothschild Real Estate Investment Management platform operates through local operating entities in Switzerland, France, the UK, Benelux and Germany. It now includes over 120 real estate professionals in 9 offices (7 countries) and manages more than €11 billion on behalf of discretionary funds and third-party mandates.

**ABOUT EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD**

As a conviction-driven investment house founded upon the belief that wealth should be used to build the world of tomorrow, Edmond de Rothschild specialises in Private Banking and Asset Management and serves an international clientele of families, entrepreneurs and institutional investors. The group is also active in Corporate Finance, Private Equity, Real Estate and Fund Services. With a resolutely family-run nature, Edmond de Rothschild has the independence necessary to propose bold strategies and long-term investments, rooted in the real economy. Created in 1953, the Group now has CHF173 billion (€160 billion) in assets under management, 2,600 employees and 32 locations worldwide.