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BOOK CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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Your ultimate summer guide

Our annual Bohill Partners book club is a round up of books, podcasts, movies and series, recommended to us by the leaders of the Real Assets industry.

Alongside books, films, series and podcasts to enjoy at home or on the beach, we have included some exhibitions and apps to inform and entertain over the upcoming summer months.

Books

From corporate ethics to ancient Mesopotamia fiction, our book recommendations offer something for everyone.

Films/Series

Immerse yourself in our selection of films and thought-provoking documentaries.

Podcasts

Explore everything from American politics to the depths of the universe with our podcast picks.

Apps

Our selection of apps is the perfect preparation for summer: reading, running, and enjoying a drink in the sun.

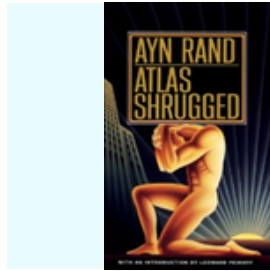
Exhibitions

A round-up of the must-see exhibitions this summer in Paris, London and Berlin.

Dive into an eclectic mix of insightful reads

Fiction

BOOKS



Atlas Shrugged
by Ayn Rand

Though published in 1957, *Atlas Shrugged* remains compelling. In a dystopian America where industrial firms are crippled by government interference, a railroad executive and a steel tycoon battle against forces seeking to exploit their innovation and productivity.



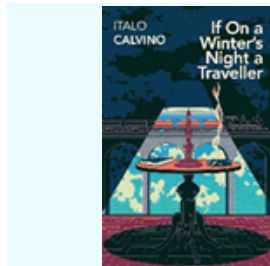
August Blue
by Deborah Levy

A gifted pianist suffers a breakdown following a failed performance of Rachmaninov's *Piano Concerto No.2*. Retreating to Athens, she encounters her doppelganger, triggering a search for lost memory and identity. Levy takes on Freud, loss, and contemporary power dynamics.



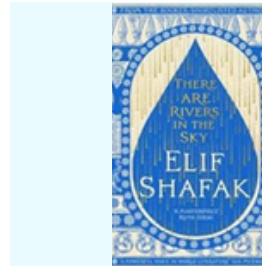
Small Boat
by Vincent Delecroix

Small Boat is a fictionalised account of the November 2021 tragedy where 27 migrants died crossing the channel in a dingy. Delecroix's narrator is the French official who took their distress calls. *Small Boat* epitomises the power of fiction to highlight collective moral failings.



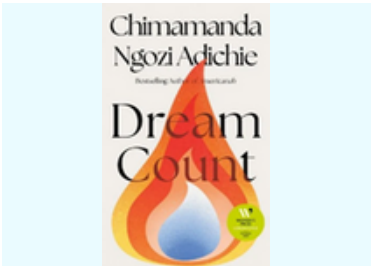
If on a Winter's Night a Traveller
by Italo Calvino

A triumph in inter- and metatextuality, Calvino renders the reader the protagonist as we chase the narrative across twelve manuscripts. Denying completion, structure and continuation, Calvino forces the reader to chase a plot across genres, confronting the very nature of reading, authorial authority, and human connection.



There are Rivers in the Sky
by Elif Shafak

The lives of three characters are connected by water across time and geography in Elif Shafak's multi-perspective novel. Traversing from ancient Mesopotamia to contemporary London, Shafak's maximalist narrative draws out water's precariousness and political significance in its relationship with one lost poem and two great rivers.



Dream Count
by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Adichie tells the story of four women immigrants in the US. They are outsiders of American culture, heterosexuality, and romantic connection. It leaves us questioning the status of the modern woman, the status of the immigrant, and whether it is possible to be truly known by another person.

BOOKS

**Kairos***by Jenny Erpenbeck*

Kairos' focus on a romantic relationship should not lead us into thinking it is romantic itself: disillusion, melancholy, and loss are defining traits of the narrative from the beginning. Erpenbeck merges the personal and the political, as she uses the collapse of East Germany to echo the contours of the book's central relationship.

**My Friends***by Hisham Matar*

My Friends portrays three young Libyan men exiled in London, following the 1984 shooting of unarmed protesters by officials outside the Libyan embassy in London. For their safety, they cannot return to Libya; for their families' safety, they cannot tell their parents why they are exiled. *My Friends* is about loss, exile, violence - but it is also a meditation on friendship.

**The Names***by Florence Knapp*

The Names by Florence Knapp is a once-in-a-generation debut from a major new talent. The story follows Cora, whose choice of name for her newborn son leads to three alternate life paths—Bear, Julian, or Gordon—each unfolding over 35 years. The novel explores how a single decision can shape identity, family dynamics, and destiny.

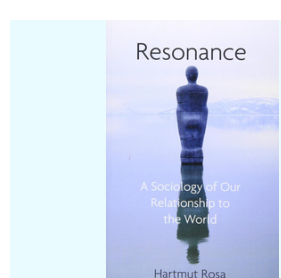
News Podcast**The PERE Podcast**

The independent podcast covering the global real estate industry. Hosted by the senior editorial team, the podcast also features interviews detailing the biggest events globally.

Available on: Spotify, Apple Podcasts and all other major platforms

Non-fiction**Moral Ambition***by Rutger Bergman*

Bergman's compelling book advocates for "moral ambition", providing a clear imperative for individuals to employ their skills altruistically. For all of us, we are forced to consider whether we are using our education and experience for 'good'.

**Resonance***by Hartmut Rosa*

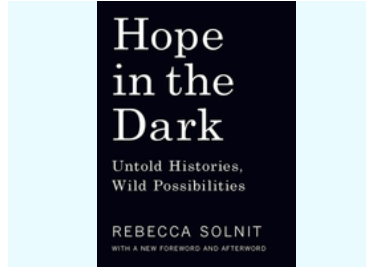
Applying his theory of resonance to many domains of human activity, Rosa describes the full spectrum of ways in which we establish our relationship to the world, from the act of breathing to the adoption of culturally distinct worldviews.

BOOKS



Patriot by Alexei Navalny

When Navalny wrote *Patriot*, he knew he would live and die in prison, and on 16th February 2024, Alexei Navalny's death was announced by Russian authorities. *Patriot* covers Navalny's life from his formative years to his time in the colony, and looks at his life and its imminent end with honesty, bluntness, and wit.



Hope in the Dark: Untold Histories, Wild Possibilities by Rebecca Solnit

Drawing on hidden histories of activism and social movements, tracing the thinking of the greatest minds of the 20th century, Solnit argues that hope is not passive optimism, but rather a commitment to act in uncertainty. She encourages readers to embrace the unknown and recognise how small actions can become transformative change, offering a powerful vision of hope.



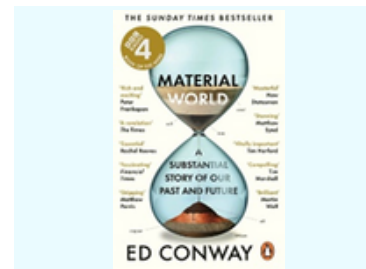
All the Beauty in the World by Patrick Bringley

When Patrick Bringley's older brother died of cancer, he left his career at The New Yorker and became a guard at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. In this book, Patrick details the beauty of both the art and the collection of guards who protect it. In needing to escape the clamour of New York careerism, Patrick finds solace and a way to return to the world without his brother.



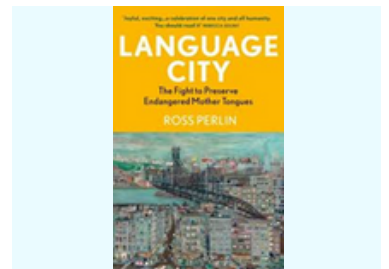
Raising Hare by Chloe Dalton

Retreating from Westminster to the countryside during the Covid pandemic, the author encounters a leveret on the tracks outside her home. In doing so, Dalton finds herself transitioning from navigating political relationships to the relationship with a wild animal in her care – something child-like, but undomesticated. *Raising Hare* is a compelling project in rewilding.



Material World by Ed Conway

Salt, sand, iron, copper, oil and lithium are, according to Conway, the six most important substances in history. Tracing their use across time and geography, Conway explicates their significance in modern climate change, energy crises, and global conflict, providing a new perspective on contemporary issues.

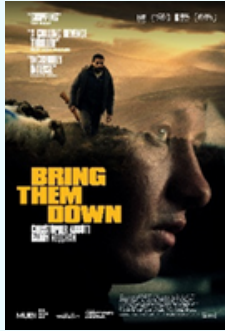


Language City by Ross Perlin

Over 800 languages are spoken in New York City, but almost 88% of those are at risk of extinction. Perlin explores the dynamic relationship between languages and power, asserting the necessity of linguistic diversity in unequal societies. Both a socio-cultural history and celebration of language.

Films

FILMS/SERIES

**BRING THEM DOWN**

A tense Irish revenge thriller directed by Christopher Andrews. It follows Michael O'Shea, a sheep farmer burdened by past tragedy, whose feud with neighbouring farmers spirals into violence after his flock is mutilated. As Michael seeks retribution, long-held family secrets surface, testing loyalties and igniting a brutal cycle of vengeance. The film stars Christopher Abbott, Barry Keoghan, and Colm Meaney.

Where to watch: *Prime Video and Apple TV*

**CONCLAVE**

Directed by Edward Berger and based on Robert Harris's novel, *Conclave* is a gripping political thriller set within the Vatican. Following the sudden death of the Pope, Cardinal Thomas Lawrence oversees the secretive election of a new pontiff. As the conclave unfolds, Lawrence uncovers hidden scandals and power struggles among the cardinals, leading to revelations that could shake the foundations of the Catholic Church.

Where to watch: *Prime Video and Apple TV*

**MISERICORDIA**

Misericordia, directed by Alain Guiraudie, is a darkly comedic French thriller set in a rural village. The story follows Jérémie, a young man who returns to his hometown for the funeral of his former boss. As he stays with the widow, Martine, a series of unsettling events – including a mysterious disappearance, a threatening neighbour, and a priest with dubious intentions – unfold, leading Jérémie into a web of intrigue and desire.

Where to watch: *Apple TV and Curzon cinemas*

**SINNERS**

Noted for its minimalist setting and powerful performance, creating a raw, introspective journey into the psyche of a deeply flawed individual, short film *Sinners* explores themes of guilt, redemption, and moral conflict. Michael B. Jordan portrays a troubled man haunted by his past sins, wrestling with internal demons as he seeks forgiveness. The narrative unfolds through intense dialogue and symbolic imagery, revealing the emotional weight of his choices.

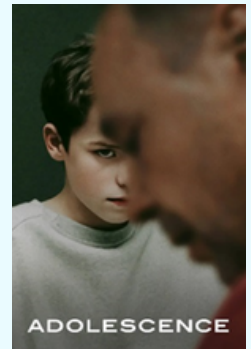
Where to watch: *Prime Video and Apple TV*

Series

ADOLESCENCE

Adolescence is a gripping mini-series centring on 13-year-old Jamie Miller, who is arrested for the murder of a female classmate. As his family, therapist, and detective seek answers, the story delves into themes of toxic masculinity, online radicalisation, and the hidden dangers of digital culture. Filmed in continuous takes, the series has received acclaim for its cinematography, production and standout performances from Stephen Graham and Owen Cooper.

Where to watch: *Netflix*



NONNAS

Based on the true story of Joe Scaravella, *Nonnas* is a heartfelt comedy-drama directed by Stephen Chbosky. After the death of his mother, Joe opens an Italian restaurant called Enoteca Maria in Staten Island, staffed entirely by grandmothers to honour her memory.

Where to watch: *Netflix*



THE FOUR SEASONS

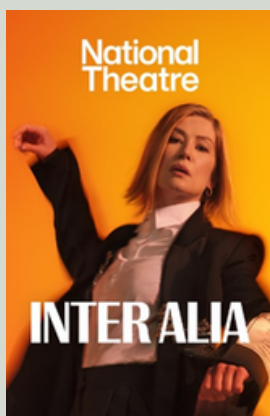
Inspired by Alan Alda's 1981 film, this comedy-drama follows three long-time married couples whose decades-old tradition of seasonal getaways is disrupted when one couple divorces, transforming the dynamic to the group. Starring Tina Fey, Steve Carell, Colman Domingo, and Will Forte, the series is a light-hearted take on the complexities of friendship, aging, and change.

Where to watch: *Netflix*



INTER ALIA

THEATRICAL EXPERIENCE FOR THE BIG SCREEN



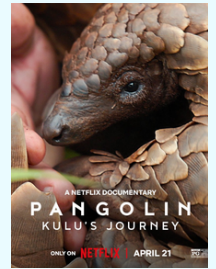
From the team behind *Prima Facie*, *Inter Alia* is a new play by Suzie Miller, premiering at London's National Theatre from 10th to 13th September 2025. Rosamund Pike stars as Jessica Parks, a London Crown Court Judge balancing a demanding career with family life. The production, directed by Justin Martin, explores modern masculinity and motherhood, following Jessica as she confronts a life-altering event that threatens her carefully balanced world. The production will be broadcast live from cinemas across the UK from 3rd September.

Where to watch: *National Theatre and UK cinemas*

DOCUMENTARIES

PANGOLIN: KULU'S JOURNEY

Pangolin: Kulu's Journey, directed by Pippa Ehrlich, follows the South African conservationist Gareth Thomas as he rescues Kulu, a baby Temminck's pangolin, from traffickers in Johannesburg and undertakes the delicate work of rehabilitating her for the wild. Through intimate storytelling and stunning cinematography, the film spotlights pangolins – the world's most trafficked mammal – and underscores the crucial importance of global conservation.



Where to watch: *Netflix*

OCEAN

National treasure Sir David Attenborough returns to our screens with *Ocean*: a powerful documentary that takes viewers on a breathtaking journey through the world's oceans. The film showcases the ocean's vital role in sustaining life and its current threats, including plastic pollution and climate change. With stunning cinematography, it highlights both challenges and hope for marine conservation. The film premier coincided with Attenborough's 99th birthday.



Where to watch: *Disney+ and UK cinemas*

ONE TO ONE: JOHN AND YOKO

With the year 1972 – a transformative period for the couple – as a focal point, this documentary is set against the backdrop of a politically charged New York City. The film showcases John and Yoko's activism, avant-garde artistry, and personal journey. Central to the narrative is their famous One to One Concert, Lennon's only full-length performance post-Beatles, aiming to raise funds for children with disabilities. Featuring restored footage, personal archives, and previously unreleased audio, the documentary offers an intimate portrayal of the couple during this pivotal period.



Where to watch: *UK cinemas*

SEEDS

Seeds, directed by Brittany Shyne, is a poignant documentary that captures the lives of Black generational farmers in the American South. Through intimate black-and-white cinematography, the film follows Willie Head Jr., a third-generation farmer, and his family as they navigate the challenges of preserving their land and heritage amidst systemic obstacles. The documentary highlights the decline of Black-owned farmland over the course of the last century. With a patient and poetic approach.



Where to watch: *Premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in June 2025; streaming release TBD*

PODCASTS



AMERICAST

A news and current affairs podcast by the BBC, delving into the latest stories and events from over the Atlantic. Journalists Sarah Smith, Justin Webb, Marianna Spring and Anthony Zucker provide political analysis, with a particular focus on social media, to help educate and inform listeners on some of the stories and developments defining the global news cycle. They are joined by special guests every week, that have included CNN anchors, Emmy Award-winning TV hosts, and actors.



NEW SCIENTIST

Every week, Dr. Rowan Hooper and Dr. Penny Sarchet discuss the latest developments in science, technology, and the natural world. Episodes range from the evolution of intelligent life to the mysteries of consciousness, and from the climate crisis to the search for dark matter. The show features expert insights that aim to inform and inspire listeners about the wonders and challenges of our universe.



BEHIND THE MONEY

The FT's weekly podcast *Behind the Money* explores the most pressing business and financial stories of the day. Hosted by Michela Tindera, the show features in-depth reporting from *Financial Times* journalists worldwide, digging into topics ranging from corporate power plays and market disruptions to global economic trends and policy shifts. With a focus on clarity and insight, it offers listeners a behind-the-scenes look at the forces shaping the financial world.

APPS



PAACE

In a time when more people are running than ever before, *Paace* is a great way to meet your exercise goals whilst saving money and supporting local businesses. Free to use, the app rewards physical activity with real-world discounts. By syncing with Apple Health or Strava, users earn points for walking, running, or cycling. These points can be redeemed at local businesses, including coffee shops and restaurants. There are also social features which allow users to join fitness leagues with friends.



OLIO

Olio is a free app that connects neighbours and local businesses to share surplus food and household items, reducing waste and promoting sustainability. Users can quickly list items, browse nearby listings, and arrange safe pickups through in-app messaging. With features like goals tracking, volunteer opportunities, and community stories, *Olio* helps users make a positive environmental impact while building meaningful connections within their local area - all from the convenience of their smartphone.



SUNSEEKR

SunSeekr is the next hot thing: it made a chart-topping entry into the Apple app store after a mini heatwave in the UK this Spring, with 60,000 downloads. If you are looking for the perfect suntrap at a pub, café or restaurant, *SunSeekr* can help. It uses shadow simulations and terrain data to determine which outdoor venues will be exposed to the sun, several hours or days ahead of time. It provides users with an interactive map of places to go, spanning the UK, Europe and the US.

LONDON

The National Gallery*José María Velasco: A View of Mexico*

The National Gallery hosts the first UK exhibition of Mexico's José María Velasco, known best for his panoramic landscapes. This exhibition, organised by the National Gallery and Minneapolis Institute of Art, marks the 200th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Mexico and the UK.

Running until: 17 August 2025**Tate Modern***Edward Burra – Ithell Colquhoun*

In two exhibitions, covered with one ticket, the Tate Modern brings together two influential British artists. Burra is renowned for his vibrant depictions of an effusive urban and queer underworld and Colquhoun was an essential figure in British surrealism.

Running until: 19 October 2025

PARIS

Musée d'Art Moderne*Through Her Father's Eyes: Matisse et Marguerite*

Bringing together more than 110 works across media, the Musée d'Art Moderne in Paris centres its focus on Matisse's view of his eldest daughter, Marguerite Duthuit-Matisse. Marguerite is the only of Matisse's models to have been featured in his work over several decades, and this exhibition explores the relationship between daughter and artist which is both frank and intimate.

Running until: 24 August 2025

BERLIN

Alte Nationalgalerie*Camille Claudel and Bernhard Hoetger: Emancipation of Rodin*

This exhibition is dedicated to the encounter between Camille Claudel and Bernhard Hoetger, whose work is being shown together for the first time since Eugène Blot organised a joint exhibition in Paris in 1905. The two artists are united by their 'desire for recognition' and rejection of Auguste Rodin.

Running until: 28 September 2025

A roundup of the latest market moves

New Ventures

ÆRA Capital

Oslo headquartered investment firm, ÆRA Capital, has been launched by former Zetland Capital Director, **Fabio Barbaro**; **Terje Pettersen**, who previously held various Non-Executive and advisory roles; **John Stene**, who leaves his role as Senior Portfolio Manager at Statnett SF; and former Head of Nordics from ODDO BHF, **Faisal Butt**.

Elva Ventures

John Diedrich, the former Chief Investment Officer of CA Ventures, has established a new European student group, Elva Ventures. **Sinead Joyce**, who was Head of Development at CA Ventures and Round Hill Capital, has joined as Development Director.

Redchurch Capital

Former KKR Head of UK Real Estate, **Charles Tutt** has launched Redchurch Capital. The firm will advise and partner with real estate companies and investors on operational assets and development projects.

New Venture - Name TBC

AEW executives, **Remy Vertupier** and **Ludovic Bernini** have left to set up their own pan-European industrial and logistics investment management firm. They will be joined by two former AEW colleagues, **Jason Grundy** and **Stéphane Bernard**, who were both Executive Directors in the Fund Management team. The name and strategy of the firm are yet to be defined, and they are expected to start raising funds in September.

Board Appointments

Eric Byrne has teamed up with Aboria Capital as a Senior Adviser. He formerly held senior positions at UBS Asset Management.

Richard Johnson has been appointed to the board of Packaged Living as an Independent Board Adviser. His most recent executive role was Managing Director at SIGNA.

Grosvenor Property UK Chief Executive, **James Raynor** has been appointed Chairman at The Westminster Property Association

David Matheson has joined ESR as part of its acquisition by Starwood Capital. Matheson has been Co-Head of Real Estate for Europe at Starwood since 2022, and will move to Singapore into a board-level executive role focused on investment and capital raising.

C-Suite Appointments

Martin Towns has been promoted to Global Head of M&G Real Estate; Tony Brown retires.

Norges Bank Investment Management have appointed **Alexander Knapp** as Global Head of Real Estate, joining from Hines where he was Chief Investment Officer, Europe.

Michael Zerda has become Head of Real Estate for Santander Alternative Investments as well as Chief Executive of Deva Capital. He leaves LaSalle Investment Management where he was Co-Chief Investment Officer for Europe.

Scott Parsons has been appointed Chief Executive Officer at Lysara. He leaves his role as UK Chief Operating Officer at Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield.

CBRE have appointed **Rishi Bhuchar** to be the new Chief Executive Officer of the UK and Ireland business, at the end of the year. He will join from Jefferies where he is Global Co-Head of Real Estate.

Arrow Global Group have hired **Enrico Sanna** as Chief Executive Officer Platforms. He leaves Fora where he was Co-Founder.

Former Estates Gazette Editor, **Samantha McClary**, has been appointed Chief Executive Officer for The British Council for Offices.

Obsidian Strategic have appointed **Polly Troughton** as their new Chief Executive Officer. Her previous role was Managing Director, Logistics at St. Modwen Properties.

Rikke Lykke has been appointed Chief Executive Officer and President at Catella, she will assume the role in August. Formerly, Lykke was the Group Chief Executive Officer of DEAS Asset Management.

Blackstone Senior Managing Director, **David McClure**, will become the new Chief Executive Officer of Mileway in September.

Edmond de Rothschild Real Estate Investment Management have hired **Klaus Georg Schmitz** as Chief Investment Officer, Europe. He joins from Ares Management where he was Managing Director.

Sandra Burrows has been appointed Chief Operating Officer at Round Hill Capital. She was previously at Praemia REIM as Chief Transformation Officer.

Nido Living have hired **Joanne Pollard** as Chief Operating Officer, her previous position was Chief Operating Officer at Empiric Student Property.

Karen Archer has joined Bluecastle Capital as Chief Financial and Operating Officer. Her previous role was Chief Operating Officer at Schroders.

Yvonne Thomsen has joined YOTEL as Chief Financial Officer; she joins from IHG Hotels & Resorts where she was Vice President Finance, Europe and Chief Financial Officer, Six Senses.

SEGRO have appointed **Susanne Schroeter-Crossan** to be Chief Financial Officer, she will start in December after leaving her current position as Chief Financial Officer of sender.

Senior Executive Appointments

David Kellett has been appointed Global Head of Hotels at Savills and will join in September. He has left Invesco where he was Managing Director, Head of Alternative Investments.

Arnaud Malbos has been appointed as Senior Real Estate Partner at Greycoat, he has been tasked with opening a new office in Paris. Malbos' previous role was Head of Investment at Ivanhoé Cambridge.

GIM Real Estate have appointed **Rory Morrison** to the newly created role of Head of Core Strategies Europe. His previous role was Managing Director, Fund Management at Invesco.

Issie Armstrong has joined Aboria Capital as Head of Client Capital, joining from DWS Group where she was Head of Real Estate Specialists EMEA.

MARKET MOVES

Alvarez & Marsal have hired **Jan Crosby** as Head of Real Estate Corporate Finance, he joins from Savills where he was Head of Corporate Finance.

Jeroen Reijnoudt has started a new role as Head of Dutch Transaction Management and Development at Bouwinvest. He leaves MN where he was Principal Portfolio manager.

Simon Marx has been appointed Head of Research at Redevco. He was previously in the same role at Lothbury Investment Management.

Patrizia have hired **Simon Redman** as Head of Product, he joins from Invesco Real Estate where he was Managing Director.

Jonathan Aiach has joined Collier Capital as Head of Private Wealth, Southern Europe. He leaves CapMan, where he was Director.

Nicolas Leonnard has joined Perial Asset Management as Head of Real Estate Funds. He joins from Sodify where he was Director of Hospitality Development and Partnerships.

Muse has recruited **Simon Harding-Roots** as Managing Director for the Southern region, he leaves his role at The Crown Estate as Managing Director for London.

Marco Zorretto has been appointed Managing Director, Investments at Hines Italy. His previous role was Head of Development and Acquisitions, Italy at Panattoni.

King Street have recruited **Michael Fuller** as Managing Director. He joins from Brookfield where he was also Managing Director.

James O'Neill has joined CapMan as Managing Director, having departed from CBRE as Executive Director.

Pluto Finance have hired **Ciaran Singh** as Managing Director for Europe. His previous role was Principal at DRC Savills Investment Management.

Walker & Dunlop expand their London team by hiring **Javier Villanueva** as Managing Director. He leaves Martley Capital Group where he was Managing Director.

Cadogan have named **Stuart Wetherly** as Finance Director, he joins from Capital & Regional where he was Chief Financial Officer.

Hoang Pham joins ICG as Manager, Portfolio Analytics from Nuveen where he was Director of Investment Performance.

Rockfield Real Estate have appointed **Sebastian Zwart** as Senior Director of Investments and Developments. His previous role was Portfolio Manager at Nuveen.

Neil O'Grady has joined Convene as Director of Real Estate, he joins from Sonbrook where he had the role of Investment Director.

Stuart Osborn has become Investment Director at Arlington Advisors. He leaves Knight Frank where he was Head of European Living Transactions.

Lesley Roberts has left her role as Director of BTR at Godwin Developments, taking up the position of BTR Operations Director at Related Argent.

MARKET MOVES

Native Land have appointed **Phil Haddleton** as Commercial Development Director, he joins from BGO where his role was Principal.

Oreima have recruited **Pierre Leoadio** as Investment Director. He joins from Oxford Properties where he was Head of Office, Retail and Alternatives Europe.

Saskia van den Bronk has become European Investment Director at Bouwinvest, she leaves Patrizia where she was Director, Capital Markets.

Railpen have recruited **Parminder Singh** as Development Director. His previous role was Development Director at Nan Fung Life Sciences Real Estate.

Katie Robertson has joined Aware Super as Associate Portfolio Manager for Property, leaving her role at KKR where she was Principal.

Carlo Pasquale has been appointed as Investment Director, Italy at Urbanitae. He joins from HIG Capital where he was a Director.