

Savills UK board director to lead London office leasing

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Savills has confirmed the appointment of UK board director Jon Gardiner as head of office leasing for Central London markets from 1 April 2022.

He will work alongside Chairman of Central London leasing, Philip Pearce, as well as Savills long established leasing teams across Central London based in the City and West End.

Jon's appointment is part of Savills Central London growth strategy, supporting clients in shaping this core global office market. He will work alongside teams in tenant rep, capital markets and development as well as experts in ESG, flex, life sciences and property management. Savills was joined by leading tenant rep expert Andrew Barnes from JLL last year, and will welcome renowned capital markets operator Richard Garside from CBRE later this year.

With over 20 years of office leasing experience, Jon has led the firm's UK office occupational teams with particular expertise in the Greater London and South East region. He has worked with owners, investors, developers and occupiers on strategy and execution in respect of acquisition, disposal, development and occupation of office space and development land. Jon brings leadership to client's real estate advisory teams, providing hands on advice from conception to project completion.

Andrew Willcock will take on the role from Jon as head of Greater London and South East team. He has worked alongside Jon Gardiner since joining the company in 2003.

James Sparrow, CEO of Savills UK and EMEA, says: "Central London remains a key global office market but one which is evolving due to changes in occupier requirements and the rising importance of ESG. Bringing together our expertise both nationally and internationally is vital to provide clients with an holistic

approach and a huge knowledge base from our specialist advisory teams. Jon can lead projects for clients tapping into the breadth and depth of our service offering to provide an exceptional client service.”

Philip Pearce, Chairman of Central London leasing, adds: “The timeframe of advice for client’s schemes varies hugely from inception to completion, Jon is able to offer the depth of experience for clients who want to take a longer term view on leasing strategy and the lifecycle of their building. He is hugely capable and we are very pleased he will join us in advising clients in this leading global office market.”

Jon Gardiner, head of Central London leasing, comments: “Having led teams across the UK I have been fortunate to see first-hand the trends and influences that are shaping office markets. I’m greatly looking forward to continuing to work with our existing clients as well as connecting with our highly experienced global office business to ensure clients receive the full breadth of our services and market leading expertise. As offices come back to life across the globe and many businesses return to the workplace it is a very exciting time to be part of London’s re-emergence as a key global office destination.”

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