

Another Year to Enjoy

The Knight Frank Notting Hill office reflects on 2015 and the work it has done for the firm's Day of Giving and welcomes in 2016



WE WOULD LIKE to thank you, the readers, the Notting Hill local community and all our clients and friends for all your generous support in 2015 – what a year!

Not only have we celebrated 15 years of operating in Notting Hill, with our first office opening in April 2000, we have also supported a number of fantastic events over the past year, including our bi-annual Day of Giving. Knight Frank Notting Hill installed an upright piano on our shop front all day, very much along the lines of the 'street pianos' at St Pancras International. We invited anyone to stop by, play and donate. Neal's Yard Remedies from Elgin Crescent set up during the day, giving hand massages to any piano-playing passers by in need of some R & R. St Peter's Gospel Choir also stopped by on the day to sing, which was truly wonderful. There was also an array of raffle prizes donated from local friends and shops in the local area, including a Mulberry handbag. The current running total raised by the firm nationwide is currently £149,000 and globally more than £260,000 – this was only made possible with your kind donations, so a huge and heartfelt thank you from all of us at Knight Frank Notting Hill. The charities who will share the total sums raised are: LandAid, Mary's Meals, Crohn's & Colitis UK, Guide Dogs and Bumblebee Conservation Trust.

We are also hugely proud that it's our 14th consecutive year in sponsoring the W11 Opera for Young People. Since it was founded in 1971, W11 Opera for Young People has commissioned and produced 34 new operas. This year's commission is *Eliza and the Swans* on 12 and 13 December. If you would like ticket, please visit: w11opera.org

We are also really excited to continue to support the Christmas panto (It's behind you!) again this year at the fabulous Tabernacle. Watch this space for more details, as we can guarantee this is a show not to be missed.

As Caroline Foord, office head and partner at Knight Frank Notting Hill comments: "Our commitment to the area and its community has never been stronger and we are looking forward to another full year in 2016 supporting this unique pocket of London."

As 2015 draws to a close, it seems a good moment to reflect and consider, "what a year it has been," continues Caroline. "All the political rhetoric surrounding the General Election in May, the ensuing debates over Mansion Tax and wealth taxes, the impact on the increase in Stamp Duty Land Tax and other global economic uncertainties have made this a very interesting and challenging year, albeit one full of opportunity." We believe there's never been a better time to seek professional advice from your deeply-rooted, energetic and committed local agent with its significant global reach. London remains the go-to capital of the world and Notting Hill continues to attract an international audience.

From us all at Knight Frank Notting Hill, we would like to take the opportunity to wish you a very happy Christmas and every good wish for a very happy, healthy, peaceful and prosperous New Year. ■

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