

Derwent London



“Derwent London has critical knowledge on embodied-carbon re-use in the build environment. We engage with the Board on the company’s leadership”

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Engagement rationale

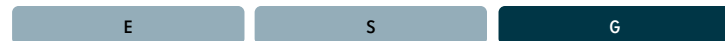
We engage with the Board (Chairman Mark Breuer) to discuss the profile of the new to be appointed CEO. The current management team does not have the quality compared to prior leadership in real estate and sustainability terms. The engagement aims to encourage leadership change. We have a preference for an outside candidate as it would bring a much-needed re-set of the strategy.

Background

Derwent London has redeveloped existing (brown) energy-inefficient London office buildings into green sustainable office buildings for decades. The preservation of the business model and its knowledge has strategic impact on the re-use of embodied carbon in the build-environment.

Theme for engagement

Governance



Leadership change in order to preserve the future of this important real estate company for embodied carbon.

Development

Positive

Milestone



Engagement objectives

- Improve ownership and shareholder rights by introducing new outside leadership with the appointment of the new CEO.
- Influence the Board through its Chairman to achieve our goal.

Engagement results

- We reached out to the company to meet Chairman Mark Breuer.
- A first meeting has taken place in which we expressed our concerns and our preference for an outside candidate in order to re-set the strategy of the company and preserve its future.

Next steps

Monitor further progress relating to the search of the new CEO

We shall consider to increase the Management score in the valuation model if and when we agree with the selection of the new CEO.

Company

Derwent London

Country

UK

Sector

Real Estate

Market cap

2bn GBP



Materiality

Improving ESG efforts can lead a lower risk profile and multiple benefits for all stakeholders.

Engagement initiated

Q1 2026

Latest update

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Kempen Fund

Kempen (Lux) Global Property Fund

Kempen (Lux) European Property Fund

Mandates (including TNO)

