# SNAPSHOT AUGUST 2011 RESIDENTIAL RESEARCH FULHAM: THE PIPER BUILDING Knight Frank



The Piper Building is one of our most unique and interesting developments in SW6. The late 1990s Lifschutz Davidson redesign of this 1950s modernist building from a gas laboratory into stunning loft apartments has made it the most distinctive place to live in the area.



#### THE PIPER BUILDING

# How does the Piper Building fare as a rental investment?

Apartments in the Piper Building offer investors a very attractive return, particularly in the current market. The yields we are achieving across the board this year are excellent – we achieved a 6.6% yield for one of our clients, while the average sits between 4% and 5%. We tend to see higher yields when the property is newly refurbished or offers something extra such as a parking space, 24-hour porter service or outside space; the majority of the flats in the Piper Building offer all three.

#### How has the lettings market in Fulham performed so far this year?

Despite a recent increase in new instructions, demand continues to outstrip supply. For landlords this has been good news - the supply/ demand ratio is clearly in their favour and rental prices have held strong. Those already in the area seem to be staying put, with many still waiting for 'the right time' to enter the sales market. We have seen just over 70% of tenancies renew this year and we continue to receive a large amount of interest from families moving from the continent as well as Asia due to the area's schools and the easy commute to London.

# How do you think the market will fare in the coming months?

The summer is traditionally the busiest period for us and this is certainly the case this year. The prices achieved are, and should continue to be, akin to those of the peak in summer 2008. The busy summer market seems to have started later this year, so we expect this activity to continue into September and possibly beyond. Knight Frank Fulham attracts tenants all year round from all corners of the globe. We shall continue to watch the sales market as well as the global economic situation, both of which will impact on the number of individuals renting as well as the amount of companies relocating to the UK.

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### Why use Knight Frank?

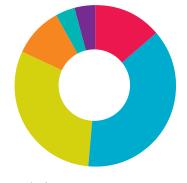
Knight Frank's extensive global network enables landlords to reach buyers from around the world. We work hard to make our website the best possible place to advertise your property and it is now viewable in numerous languages – those sitting in China can view the website in Mandarin while potential tenants in Moscow can view the same details in Russian. Our Residential Corporate Services department remains one of the strongest and most effective departments in its field and around 85% of the homes we let are to corporate tenants.



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## Fulham lettings market at a glance

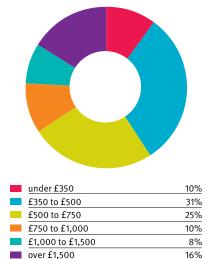
Figure 1 What do our applicants want to spend? New applicants, past 12 months, cost per week



under £350	14%
£350 to £750	37%
£750 to £1,000	31%
£1,000 to £1,500	10%
£1,500 to £2,500	4%
over £2,500	4%

Figure 2 What is coming to market?

New instructions, past 12 months, cost per week



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25%

16%

64%

21%

0.7%

## **Charting the Fulham market**



Figure 3
Nationality of our tenants
Tenants, past 12 months

UK	47%
Other	19%
USA	13%
Italy	9%
France	6%
Ireland	6%

#### Figure 4 Source of our tenants

Tenants, past 12 months

Web	53%
Corporate services	19%
Local	16%
Referral	6%
Internal	3%
Magazine/newspaper	3%

# Fulham properties and the Knight Frank team

### **LET**

A stunning family house

PETERBOROUGH ROAD, FULHAM SW6

**---** 5 £1,250pw

### LET A stylish townhouse in **Parsons Green**

HURLINGHAM SQUARE, FULHAM SW6 ---- 4 £1,150pw

### LET

Apartment with fabulous river views

**BATTERSEA REACH, SWI8 ----** 3 £1,250pw

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Market activity

#### Figure 6

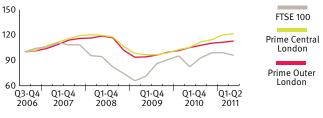
Figure 5

Tenancies New applicants

Market performance

Year-on-year change (three months to July 2011)

Prime London property (rental, prices) vs FTSE 100, past 5 Years





2 £700pw

LET Spacious apartment in Imperial Wharf

DOLPHIN HOUSE, FULHAM SW6 **----** 3 £695pw

LET Immaculate apartment with river views

MARINA POINT. FULHAM SW6 **H** 3 £1,800pw







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