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### **Gaw Capital Partners raises GBP 28.5 million in mezzanine financing from Samsung Securities and KB Asset Management to refinance London offices**

**London / Hong Kong, 21 May 2020** – Real estate private equity firm **Gaw Capital Partners** announced today that it has successfully raised **GBP 28.5 million** in mezzanine financing to refinance its preferred equity on its landmark office building in Docklands, London. The lending consortium led by Samsung Securities and KB Asset Management from Korea provided the five-year mezzanine facility at a LTV of just under 71%.

Acquired by Gaw Capital on behalf of Asian investors in September 2014, Harbour Exchange 1,2,4 and 5 comprises of 600,000 square feet of Grade A office space over four buildings between 3 and 16 floors, 500 car parking spaces and a nine acre freehold. The property is well located in the Docklands area on the periphery of the Canary Wharf estate, benefiting from the communications links and amenities, while providing Grade A space at a significant discount to the Canary Wharf estate. This has attracted a diverse range of tenants from government, financial services, insurance, TMT and other sectors, with key tenants such as the Financial Ombudsman Service, CLS, Booking.com and QBE Insurance.

The deal highlights the growing relationship between Gaw Capital and Samsung Securities dating back to another successful deal of acquiring Aoyama Building, an Grade A office building located in the center of Tokyo, Japan in 2019.

**Christina Gaw, Managing Principal & Head of Capital Markets for Gaw Capital** said “We are delighted to have been able to successfully raise this mezzanine facility with the support of Samsung Securities and KB Asset Management against the uncertain backdrop of COVID-19 and significant global financial turmoil. This demonstrates that the market remains open for quality assets with the right fundamentals and strong cash flow. We are also excited to collaborate further with our Korean partners on future opportunities in the UK and beyond.”

With over 15 years of property investment and asset management experience, Gaw Capital Partners is distinguished for its ability to add strategic value to real estate through revitalisation, redesign and repositioning. The firm has an excellent investment track record in the London market, with a number of strategic and high-potential commercial properties in its portfolio, including Lloyd’s Building, 123-151 Buckingham Palace Road, Milton Gate and Tower Place. Gaw Capital has also successfully developed a sizable logistics platform, medical-asset backed platform, mini-storage platform, premium outlet



malls and education-related platform in recent years to help support the growth and management of these assets.

### **About Gaw Capital Partners**

Gaw Capital Partners is a uniquely positioned private equity fund management company that focusing on real estate markets in greater China and other high barrier-to-entry markets globally.

Specializing in adding strategic value to under-utilized real estate through redesign and repositioning, Gaw Capital runs an integrated business model with own in-house asset management operating platforms in retail, hospitality, property development and logistics. The firm's investments span the entire spectrum of real estate sectors, including residential development, offices, retail malls, hospitality and logistics warehouses.

Gaw Capital has raised six commingled funds targeting the Greater China and APAC regions since 2005. The firm also manages value-add/opportunistic funds in Vietnam and the US, a Pan-Asia hospitality fund, a European hospitality fund and also provides services for separate account direct investments globally.

Gaw Capital has raised equity of USD\$ 14.2 billion since 2005 and commands assets of USD\$ 24.8 billion under management as of Q4 2019.