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HANDELSBANKEN MOVES IN AT ACKHURST BUSINESS PARK.

<u>Whittle Jones Chartered Surveyors</u> acting on behalf of Northern Trust have announced Handelsbanken as the most recent letting at their prestigious office scheme, <u>Ackhurst Business Park</u>, Chorley.

Founded in 1871, Handelsbanken is one of Sweden's leading banks with over 820 branches worldwide. In the UK the Bank has been undergoing an expansion programme and Handelsbanken Chorley is one of over 180 opened so far.

Handelsbanken commented "Once the decision to open Handelsbanken Chorley was made, it was vital that the Bank was able to secure a branch location which would be able to support its long term plans in the area. Having considered various options, Ackhurst Business Park was the stand out choice providing immediate, modern accommodation and ample car parking for our customers.

Having now moved into our new offices we are looking forward to building the Handelsbanken name within the local community and welcoming our new corporate and individual banking customers."

Tom Clarke, Management Surveyor at Whittle Jones added "We are delighted that Handelsbanken chose Ackhurst Business Park as the location for their new Chorley branch and we are delighted to welcome them to the estate".

Ackhurst Business Park provides a range of modern self-contained office accommodation from single suites of just 3 persons (250 sq ft) to 'own front door' pavilion style buildings up to 4,525 sq ft. Each building is finished to a high specification to meet the needs of the modern day occupier and provides a professional business environment and high quality corporate image.

Tom continued "Whether companies are looking for start-up premises or looking to expand in the area, Ackhurst Business Park provides the ideal solution and offers excellent motorway links to the wider region and good local amenities. The Park is in one of Chorley's prime development areas, circa 1 mile from Chorley Town Centre and in the middle of the North West's motorway network providing easy access throughout the region and nationally. The detached buildings are set within fully maintained landscaped grounds and benefit from ample parking and local amenities, including Tesco Extra Supermarket and Fieldfare pub."

For more details about the offices at Ackhurst Business Park please visit the dedicated website at www.ackhurstbusinesspark.co.uk or contact one of the joint letting agents at: Whittle Jones 01257 238666, Jones Lang LaSalle 0161 828 6440 or Bailey Deakin & Hamiltons 01772 337733.

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Northern Trust was established in 1962 and is now one of the UK's largest and most successful privately owned property investment, development and land regeneration companies.

Northern Trust's current property portfolio covers circa 8 million sq ft of industrial/trade and office parks, having developed over 2 million sq ft of commercial property itself in more than 40 locations. The company has more than 5,000 acres of land under ownership/management throughout the UK, with over 1,000 acres currently being promoted through the planning process for mixed use development.

Northern Trust works closely with house builders, local authorities and special purchasers in bringing forward regeneration opportunities; with the potential of bringing forward over 6,000 homes. In addition, new regeneration/development partnerships have been entered into with various public bodies, to provide regeneration initiatives across the UK and employment premises for both Small and Medium Enterprises and larger occupiers.

Northern Trust has substantial funds available for new investment, development, and regeneration initiatives throughout the UK. For further information on Northern Trust please visit our website at www.northerntrust.co.uk