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NORTHERN TRUST BUYS AGAIN!

Northern Trust Company Ltd makes £2.3 million acquisition of Simms Cross & Grenfell House, Widnes.

The 20,395 sq ft retail/office scheme bought post auction adds to Northern Trust's property portfolio. The new build scheme at Simms Cross & Grenfell House, Widnes comprises of 9 retail units totalling 11,000 sq ft and 9,395 sq ft of first floor offices.

Tom Parkinson, Director at Northern Trust commented "Northern Trust have built a strong reputation of developing new industrial/office schemes over the last few years, the purchase of the newly built Simms Cross compliments these new additions to the portfolio".

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

Northern Trust has extensive experience of working with the public sector, with a large proportion of the portfolio originally acquired from the Regional Development Agencies. In addition, new development partnerships have been entered into with various public bodies, to provide employment premises for both Small and Medium Enterprises and larger occupiers, throughout the Midlands and North. Northern Trust has substantial funds available for new investment, development, and regeneration initiatives throughout the UK.

Tom Parkinson continued "Northern Trust is continually looking for new investment, development, and regeneration opportunities across the North of England and Midlands".

Simms Cross & Grenfell House is located on Widnes Road within Widnes Town Centre, and interested parties in either retail or office space should contact the agents for the property Katie Bibby at Whittle Jones, on 01257 238666.

Northern Trust's existing property portfolio is in excess of 8 million sq ft of industrial/trade and office parks and has more than 2,000 acres of land under ownership, throughout the Midlands and North of England. More than 1.5 million sq ft has now been developed in over 35 locations since 2000, and Northern Trust continues to expand through all three areas of its property business.

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