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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **NORTHERN TRUST'S WAKEFIELD ACQUISITION!**

Northern Trust has added to their 8 million sq ft property portfolio with the acquisition of 4 high specification offices at The Gateway, Silkwood Park, Wakefield.

The 12,000 sq ft purchase at junction 40 of the M1 comprises 4 offices arranged in two blocks, each providing two 3,000 sq ft self contained 2-storey offices. Set in attractive surroundings with ample car parking facilities, each office has been designed for maximum flexibility, and will be available to let on a whole or floor by floor basis (from 1,500 sq ft). They are located on the A638, at the entrance to Silkwood Park, a 102 acre mixed-use development site. Occupiers include Days Hotel, Total Fitness, Ahed Plumbing and Heating, and Toyota Car Dealership.

Tom Parkinson, Director at Northern Trust commented "The acquisition of the offices at The Gateway underlines Northern Trust's commitment to the Yorkshire region. We are continually looking for new investment and development opportunities across the North of England and Midlands. Situated in an established location and providing good transport links we are confident that the site will prove a huge success in attracting local and regional operators."

Northern Trust's existing property portfolio is extensive, with in excess of 8 million sq ft of industrial/trade and office parks and more than 2,000 acres of land, throughout the Midlands and North of England. Nearly 1.5 million sq ft has been developed in over 35 locations since 2000, and Northern Trust continues to expand through new investment, development, and land regeneration opportunities.

Joint agents for the scheme are Whittle Jones Yorkshire (0113 245 6787), Michael Steel & Co (0113 234 8999), and Colliers CRE (0113 200 1800).

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**Notes to Editors**

**Northern Trust Company Ltd**

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.

For further information on Northern Trust please visit [www.northerntrust.co.uk](http://www.northerntrust.co.uk).