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Moscow, Russia – 17 November 2012 – Chief Investment Officer of O1 Properties Michael Stanton acted as an expert at the Annual Moscow Real Estate Forum 2011 (MREF) organised by Vedomosti.

Main topics of the Forum were the changes with respect to the city's construction sector reorganisation, specifically the Government's legal initiatives aimed at increasing investment appetite for the Russian real estate market.

In his report on minimisation of real estate investment risks in Russia, Michael pointed at the attractiveness of the Russian market to foreign investors and indicated a great potential for the development of the industry by presenting an analysis of key macroeconomics indicators. In addition, he elaborated on why commercial real estate is a sensible investment opportunity at present.

The speech of Michael Stanton was warmly received by the audience.

Another topic widely discussed at the Forum was the volatility in the financial markets and the impact it could have on the demand for real estate. In addition, the participants debated on various issues, such as main economic growth stimulators by segment and real estate direct investment strategies.

MREF took place for the sixth time. Key players on the real estate market, sector investors and bankers, as well as government officials gather annually to discuss current trends and to form a common view on the industry's development.

Among the lead speakers were Marat Husnullin, Deputy Mayor of Moscow and Head of the Moscow Department of Urban Development, Rustem Gareyev, representative of Heitman Russia, Michael Tarasov, representative of UFG Real Estate, and others.