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Welcome to the September edition of Preqin Real Estate Online Product Update, our subscriber-only newsletter. Each month, Preqin's analysts speak with hundreds of real estate professionals in order to gain exclusive information for Real Estate Online. This newsletter provides you with a snap shot of some of the most interesting and exclusive intelligence we have gathered in recent weeks. Clicking on the firm or fund name will take you straight to the full profile on Real Estate Online.

The Latest on Fundraising

Funds to hold a final close in the past month include [GTIS US Residential Strategies](#). The vehicle, which targets distressed and/or high return segments of the US residential sector, exceeded its \$400mn target and closed on \$526mn. [GTIS Partners](#) did not use a placement agent in the fundraising process.

[RCG Ventures](#) also did not enlist the help of a third-party marketing firm to raise \$108mn for [RCG Ventures Value-Add Real Estate Fund III](#), above its \$100mn target. The fund targets equity and debt investments in shopping centres across the US, particularly focusing on investments throughout the eastern and southeastern regions.

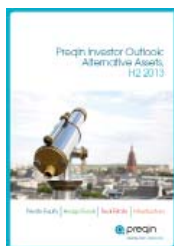
[Newport Capital Partners](#) raised \$42mn for [Newport Capital Partners Fund I](#). The value added vehicle will invest exclusively in multi-tenant, convenience/necessity-based retail and mixed-use real estate assets in Chicago, Minneapolis, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Columbus and St. Louis.

Recent Investor Searches

Preqin's analysts speak to institutions around the globe every day to determine the future investment plans of those already investing in the asset class, and to actively seek out new investors in private real estate in order to discover their investment preferences. One prominent investor updated by Preqin in the last month is [John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation](#), which will commit \$60mn across six private real estate funds in the next 12 months. It has a preference for debt, distressed, opportunistic and value added vehicles.

Sample of Recently Updated Investor Profiles

Investor	Location	Summary Plans
Albion Investors	US	The asset manager plans to commit up to \$50mn to private equity real estate funds over the next 12 months. It generally prefers domestic funds but will also consider investing globally.
AISIN Employees' Pension Fund	Japan	The private sector pension fund will commit \$5mn to one private real estate fund in the next 12 months. Strategy wise, AISIN Employees' Pension Fund will target a core fund. The pension plan is open to investing in Japan or developed countries.
Nestlé UK Pension Fund	UK	The private sector pension fund will look to commit £4-10mn across one or two new funds in the next 12 months. The vehicles will adopt either a core or value added strategy and target opportunities in the UK.
Metro 788 Master Trust Fund	US	The private sector pension fund will look to invest in one or two new funds in the next 12 months. The vehicles will adopt an opportunistic strategy and target markets solely in the US.
HC Asset Management	Japan	The asset manager will be making new private fund commitments in the next 12 months. It is interested in funds that pursue core and debt strategies. The asset manager will seek debt funds that focus on commercial properties in the US. It is also interested in gaining exposure to student housing, hospitals and medical facilities. HC Asset Management will invest with both existing and new managers.



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