

CASE STUDY

Starz Real Estate appointed Centaur for its knowledge and expertise in the private equity and real estate markets

Starz Real Estate (“Starz”) appointed Centaur to provide fund administration for its first commercial real estate debt fund at the fund’s inception in 2019. A major factor in Starz’s decision-making process was Centaur’s reputation for excellent client service and market expertise. With Centaur’s guidance, Starz continues to successfully navigate regulatory and compliance hurdles within the fund management space.

CHALLENGE

Starz is well-known for its straightforward, no-nonsense approach to lending. When launching their first fund, they required a fund administrator who had the skills and expertise that would enable them to deliver on their promise to deliver a seamless service to their clients.

They required a global administrator that offered far more than pure fund administration services; but also guidance with respect to regulatory requirements including AIFMD, bank regulation and depositary.

SOLUTION

Since 2019 the relationship between Starz and Centaur has grown with Centaur now servicing Starz’s funds and SPVs in Ireland, Luxembourg and Guernsey. Working closely with the Starz team, Centaur defined and delivered a detailed set-up plan to ensure the funds were set up smoothly and seamlessly.

Starz deals with a dedicated Centaur team which is clearly identifiable and responsive to their requests. A well-structured partnership is now in place, with Centaur available 24x7 to guide Starz through the administrative process and highlight regulatory requirements as they arise.

“We have been very happy in the appointment of Centaur as our fund administrator. Our initial high expectations have been met and the various teams proactively engage with us to ensure our funds run efficiently and tick all the necessary regulatory boxes.”

With such a positive experience so far, we look forward to continuing to develop our partnership with Centaur.” said Natalie West, Chief Financial Officer, Starz Real Estate.

RESULTS

- The work by Centaur’s dedicated onboarding team resulted in a seamless set-up.
- Centaur ensures Starz’s funds remains fully compliant with all reporting requirements and regulatory developments, including AML, AIFMD and FATCA.
- Centaur’s proven technology delivers accurate and timely reporting to Starz, resulting in significant efficiencies.
- Centaur’s services go beyond pure fund administration to include fiduciary services and regulatory reporting.
- Centaur’s flexible and responsive team enables Starz to adapt to an ever-changing industry.
- Starz enjoys improved performance-based metrics and more transparent reporting for all its stakeholders.

ABOUT STARZ REAL ESTATE

Starz Real Estate is a commercial real estate lender focused on middle-market loans throughout Europe and the United Kingdom. For more information, visit www.starzrealestate.com