

**Media Release**  
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**SIPP and SSAS provider reports £40m worth of new properties under administration**

Xafinity SIPP and SSAS, part of Xafinity Group the pensions specialists, has reported a 25% increase in commercial property investment.

Highlights:

- 140 commercial property & land purchases were completed in 2015
- Total value of these properties was £40m, an increase from £30m in 2014
- Many different property types from retail shops costing £50k to much larger properties costing over £1m
- An average property value of £250k (SIPP) and £340k (SSAS)

Jeff Steedman, Head of Business Development for SIPP/SSAS at Xafinity, commented; “We continue to see more and more of the great British public investing in commercial property up and down the country. Putting property into a pension is an excellent tax efficient way for SMEs to grow their pension funds for retirement.

“With stock markets once again in turmoil, most business owners and the self employed see bricks and mortar as a long term solid core investment for their pensions. And more than 70% of our clients are “owner occupiers”, so their businesses are the tenants giving them great long-term security. The rental income alone can provide excellent growth for the pension.”

Xafinity is one of the largest and most experienced SSAS providers in the UK. Mr Steedman added; “We are also seeing an increasing number of “second hand SIPPs” as financial advisers and their clients see fit to move their pension’s provider in light of increased fees and poor service. In fact we have designed and launched our property special offer to subsidise the costs of moving provider and help these people make a fresh start.”

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We have managed SSAS since 1979 and SIPP since 2004. We have built a hugely experienced and growing team, with more than 50 specialised staff in our SSAS/SIPP business. We administer self-invested pension assets worth in excess of £1.4bn.

Xafinity SIPP Services administers SIPPs and SSASs for around 4,000 clients. This includes around 1,600 commercial property investments, a specialist area of self-invested pensions.

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