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## **UK real estate tops overseas buyers' wishlist says investment agency (25 November 2011)**

"UK property has become the most sought after in the world for overseas investors," says a new report out this week from the global real estate investment agency Property Frontiers.

The 2011 Property Frontiers' Investor Survey reveals that "capital growth is by far the most important investment criteria, with the UK coming out as the top destination for a third of potential property buyers."

According to Property Frontiers chief executive Ray Withers, "over the past year we have seen a huge increase in demand for UK property, especially buy-to-let, so we are not surprised to see this level of interest continue into 2012."

"And, whilst we remain in uncertain economic times, security and capital growth will prevail over riskier, often higher yielding opportunities."

Withers is convinced that "our annual investor survey is extremely useful for us in assessing the state of the market. As a customer focussed organisation, we try our hardest to listen to our clients' and the market needs and offer investments that make sound fundamental sense."

The methodology of the research was for Property Frontiers to ask its client base what they wanted to invest in, why and where during 2012.

Capital growth was the most important investment criteria for nearly half (46%) of the respondees, followed closely by high yield at 33% and security at 11%.

The UK came out as the preferred investment destination because the country is perceived as a safe haven for property owners and it was the top choice for nearly a third of potential buyers followed by the USA and Brazil in joint second. Turkey took the fourth spot and traditional lifestyle favourites such as France, Spain and Portugal all came within the top 10 destinations with Malaysia, China and Singapore also ranking highly.

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