# From RE OEFs to REITs in Spain

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#### **RE Open Ended Fund - Main Aspects**

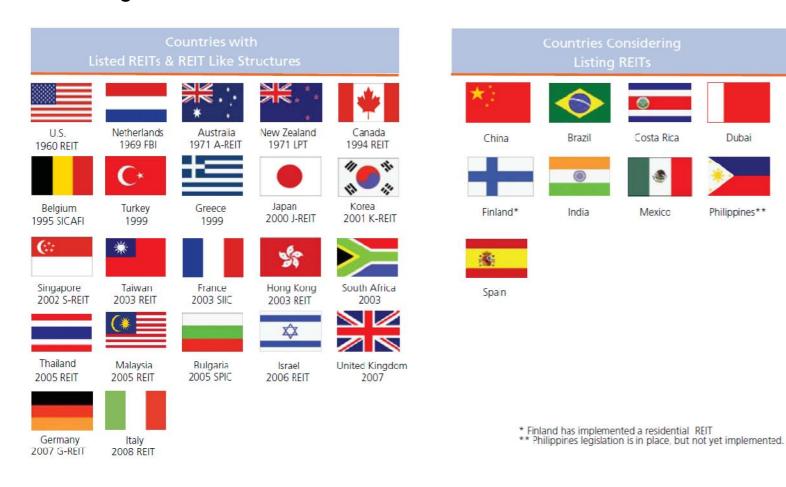
- A fund that owns Income producing Real Estate (mainly direct property)
- Changing Equity (open-ended fund)
- RE OEFs without juridical personality
- Management and control:
  - Asset Management Company which has fiduciary duty
  - Regulator (CNMV)
- Difference between RE OEFs and eg. Equity Funds is Liquidity
  Legally 10% assets must be liquid (In practice used to be around 15%).
  - In August 2007 (peak of sector) AUM were 9018 €Mn, 10 vehicles and 171000 participants
  - In December 2010 AUM were 6123€Mn ,8 vehicles and 76000 participants (now +-30000)
- Residential focus
  - More than 50% of AUM is residential RE
  - If more than 50% of RE AUM is residential RE (plus other minor conditions required)
    - Corporate tax 1%
    - Property transmission taxes (ITP&AJD) 95 % exemption in residential RE acquisitions

## REITs – Main Aspects

- 1. A company that owns and in most cases operates incomeproducing RE
- 2. Compulsory 90% payout from REIT to shareholders and taxation at shareholder level of dividends.
- 3. Elimination of double taxation: corporate level and shareholder level –dividend tax-. Eliminate corporate level of taxation.
- 4. No relevant restrictions in investments in different property types to benefit from tax regimen.
- 5. Listed REITs are liquid and transparent vehicles, shares are listed in organised capital markets.

## **REITs**

REITs were created in 1.960 in US and since then they have increasingly become global.



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## **REITs**

## World market cap of REITs 1.088.000 \$Mn.

## **REIT Major Countries**

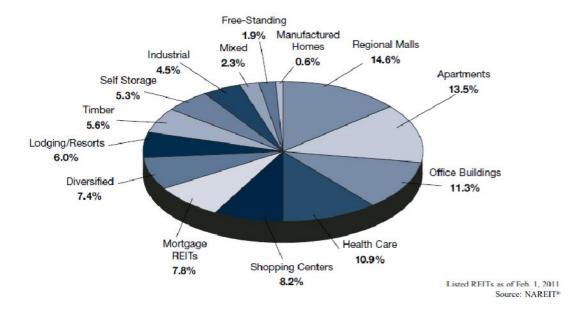
Country	REIT Listed Property Market \$Mn	Underlying Property \$Mn	%	Stock Market \$Mn	%
US	359.000	6.152.000	5,8%	12.380.000	2,9%
Japan	152,000	2.074.000	7,3%	3.647.000	4,2%
Germany	14.000	1.493.000	0,9%	1.283.000	1,1%
UK	56.000	1.460.000	3,8%	2.741.000	2,0%
France	58.000	1.164.000	5,0%	1.765.000	3,3%
Italy	6.000	944.000	0,6%	661.000	0,9%
Honk Kong	159.000	795.000	20,0%	4.718.000	3,4%
Canada	30.000	597.000	5,0%	1.408.000	2,1%
Australia	63.000	389.000	16,2%	1.058.000	6,0%
Singapore	39.000	144.000	27,1%	399,000	9,8%
Rest of the world	152.000	5.937.000	2,6%	10.735.000	1,4%
Global	1.088.000	21.149.000	5,1%	40.795.000	2,7%

Source: EPRA - Sept 2010

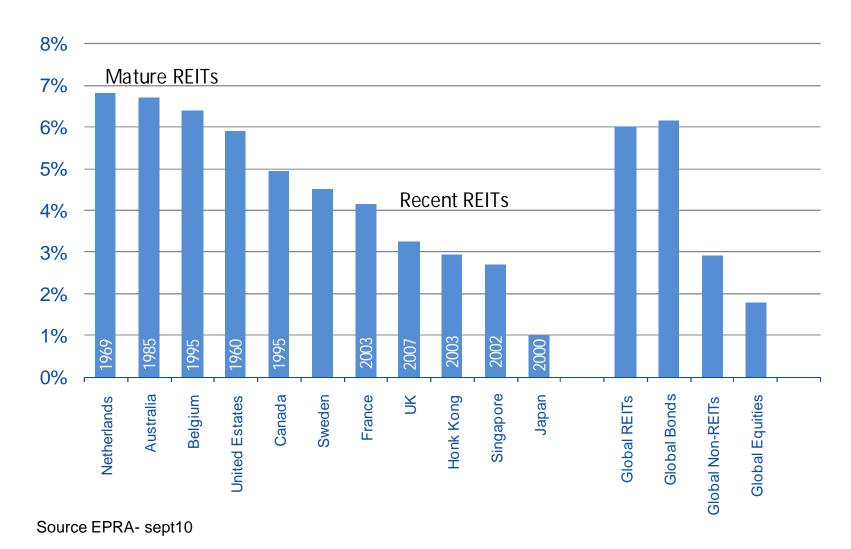
## **REITs**

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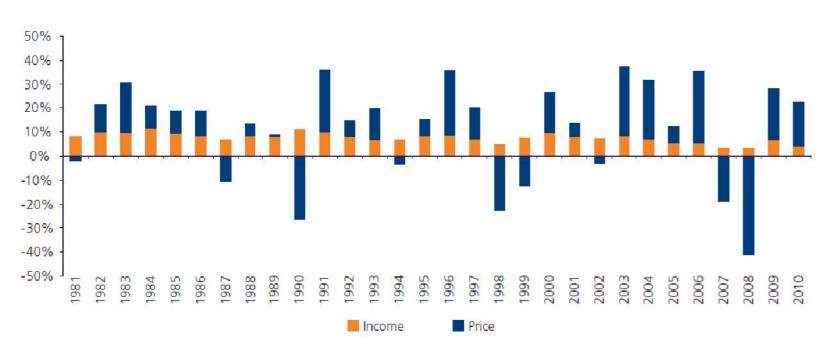
#### **Listed REITs Invest In All Property Types**



### **REITS 10 Year Average Yields**

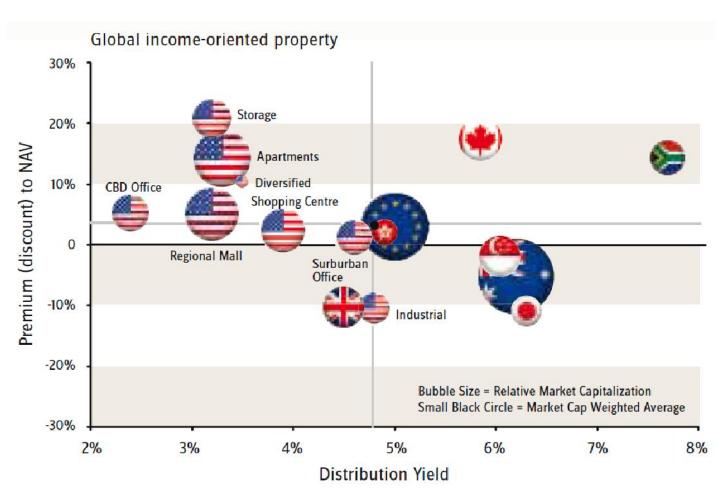


## **FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITs Returns**



Source: NAREIT (dec -2010)

# **Net Asset Value (Premium/Discount) of Global Real Estate Securities by Asset Class**



Source: Bloomberg, Macquarie Research, October 2010. As of September 30, 2010.

#### **Spanish REITs**

- Recent regulation incorporates REITs as a way of RE investment in Spain. The regulation is a law 11/2009, of 26th of October, in which Sociedades Anónimas Cotizadas de Inversión en el Mercado Inmobiliario (SOCIMIs) are regulated
- The main difference of the spanish REITs is at the tax level. The Spanish REITs have a reduced corporate tax of 19% and shareholder dividends are tax free (only for resident individual investors).
- For resident individual investors would not be many differences with REITs, but yes for other type of investors (institutional and International investors).

#### **REITs. A possible solution to OEFs?**

Yes, but with some clues

- 1. Only Juridical change → NO
- 2. Also need management job to be done:
  - Changes in business mix
  - Optimisation of capital structure
- 3. Government changes at the taxation level in the actual Spanish REIT Law. Making it more similar to international REITs tax regime will help in the opening to a wider universe of possible investors (Institutional and International Investors)
- 4. There is an opportunity for the financial sector to deleverage other assets in this way.

## American REITs multiples as a benchmark

American REITs Multiples	Multiples Residential REITs	Multiples Offices REITs
Debt Ratio	42,7%	42,0%
Debt/Ebitda	8,16	6,55
Pay out % FFO	69,2%	48,5%
Price / FFO	22,88	15,87
Interest Coverage	2,34	2,69
Dividend yield	3,3%	3,5%
Div. yield (after pers. tax)	2,6%	2,7%

Source: REITWATCH – NAREIT Jan 2011 Issue (data as of dec2010)

Note: FFO -free funds form operations-(NP+Amortisation and depreciation) / AFFO -Adjusted

FFO- (FFO-capex) / Interest coverage (EBIT/financial service) / Debt ratio (debt/assets)

#### **REITs. A possible solution to OEFs?**

To whom may it be attractive

REITs are attractive for investors because they offer:

- High Liquidity
- Transparency
- Diversified portfolio
- Tax benefits
- Dividend yield
- Hedge against inflation
- Lower risk

REITs can help financial sector to deleverage from some RE assets in a more efficient way than a direct way (asset by asset)

REITs may help the government administration:

- Higher tax income (dividend taxes)
- Reduce the needs of recapitalisation of the financial sector