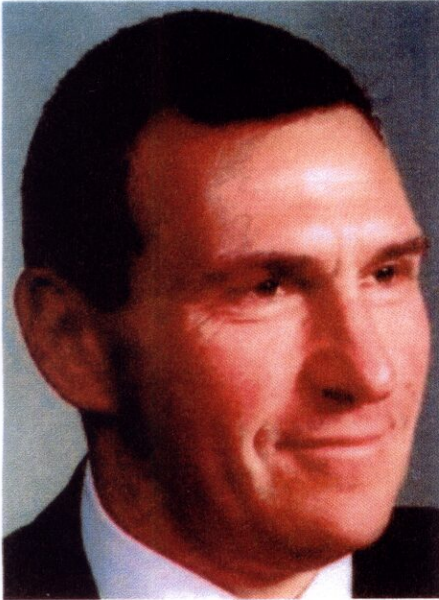


## Real Estate Investors' founder Peter Lewin dies

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**Peter Lewin, the founder and former chairman of Real Estate Investors, died “peacefully” last Friday.**

“Peter was unstinting in his commitment to the company and his wise counsel was always of the highest standard. He will be missed,” said Paul Bassi, chief executive of Real Estate Investors.

Lewin, who was 63, began his career at Allsop & Co from 1964 to 1970, where he qualified as a chartered surveyor in 1969. There he gained experience in all aspects of estate management with the emphasis on valuation.

In 1971, he joined Samuel Properties, and in 1973 he was appointed a director of the company’s principal investment company, joining the group board in 1978. In June 1986, he arranged the acquisition of London City & Westcliffe Properties from Lonrho for £53m.

Upon the merger of Samuel Properties with Clayform Properties in 1986, he became joint managing director, leaving in January 1987 to establish Union Group.

In 1993, Union Group was sold to Desmond Bloom’s Premier Land, a listed company, where he joined the board, resigning in 1994 in order to establish Newport Holdings.

In November 2002, he stepped down from the board of Newport, which was subsequently acquired by David Pearl’s Mintglade Limited and taken private in November 2003.

In February 2004, he established Real Estate Investors, listing it on AIM in the same year. He was chief executive until 2007, when he became chairman, a role he held until 2010. He remained a non executive director until retiring at the beginning of this year.

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