

Welcome to another issue of the *Journal of Property Investment & Finance*. In this issue, we concentrate upon the role of valuation and pricing and the impact of valuations on market practice. The papers in this issue look at valuations for taxation and accountancy as well as the role of valuation models. This is extended in the next issue with an issue of Practice Briefings looking at the role of pricing in the current market.

In this issue, our lead Practice Briefing also heralds a forthcoming Special Issue on the interface between technology and property. This issue, entitled “PropTech and entrepreneurship – innovation in real estate”, is seeking contributions. See the call for papers at: (www.emeraldgroupublishing.com/products/journals/call_for_papers.htm?id=8147).

Back at the turn of the millennium, one of our Editorial Board members, Stephen Roulac, made a keynote address at the RICS Cutting Edge Conference on topic: “The industrial revolution remembers”. This is represented here as it is a wonderful example of how a property expert was able to synthesise all available information about real estate and technology at the turn of the century and proffer an insightful glimpse into the future and suggest how the real estate markets would change. Nearly 20 years later and much of what Stephen predicted has come to pass. Real Estate and technology are now intrinsically linked. It is uncanny reading Stephen’s paper[1] on how so much as come to fruition as he suggested.

Indeed, this shows how much insight Stephen, and many others on our Editorial Board, have about the property markets. There is a wealth of expertise and knowledge in the Real Estate community that this journal tries to impart to the next generation.

Note

1. The Briefing Note is reprinted from his book *The Property Knowledge System*. Full details at: www.thepropertyknowledgesystem.com

