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World-leading architect to design Lendlease's new centrepiece at Circular Quay

Sydney, 19 June 2017: Lendlease has selected one of the world's leading architect firms, Foster + Partners, to progress the design of its new office tower, Circular Quay Tower, which will be the centrepiece of a new world class precinct at 180 George Street, Circular Quay.

The Circular Quay precinct on George and Pitt streets includes what could become Sydney's tallest office tower with a roof structure of up to 263m high. It also comprises a low rise community building, a large public plaza fronting George Street and a secondary plaza on Rugby Place.

The scheme is also characterised by a network of pedestrian laneways that criss-cross the site at different levels to connect and enliven the precinct. The laneways will be lined with shops, cafes and bars, celebrating Sydney as a unique destination.

Mark Menhinnitt, Managing Director, Urban Regeneration, said Lendlease was impressed by Foster + Partners' refined scheme that recognised the need for strong integration and activation of the ground plane, while ensuring the tower is a spectacular landmark worthy of its iconic location.

"Circular Quay Tower, to be located on a new internationally recognised address, will provide a dynamic workplace and environment for Sydney's future generation of office occupiers.

"Fronting the reinvigorated city spine of George Street with two new plazas, workers and visitors will be welcomed to an abundance of retail, dining and entertainment, and arts and culture," said Mr Menhinnitt.

For 50 years, Foster + Partners has pioneered a sustainable approach to architecture and is responsible for some of the world's most notable buildings including the Hearst Tower in New York, 'The Gherkin' in London and Deutsche Bank Place in Sydney.

Gerard Evenden, senior executive partner of Foster + Partners, said we wanted Circular Quay Tower and its surroundings to be of its place, taking advantage of its topography and unique location – a stone's throw from Sydney Harbour.

"The tower will be the centrepiece of an urban regeneration precinct that will reshape the northern end of the CBD into a vibrant community contributing to Sydney's status as a global city," said Mr Evenden.

Local architectural firm, Stewart Hollenstein, has been selected to remodel the Jacksons on George site that promises to be an exciting transformation of the much-loved Sydney institution.



The brief called for a more public and inviting building with active edges, open frontages, flexibility and a public roof terrace. This has been delivered with a concept that celebrates the unique location and social quality of the site.

Lendlease held the design competitions following Council's endorsement of Lendlease's revised planning proposal and accompanying Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) in July 2016.

Foster + Partners was selected from an impressive field of seven international and local architect teams, which were invited to participate. The panel of six jury members assessed the submissions according to the City of Sydney's Competitive Design Policy. The Jacksons on George competition was selected from a field of emerging local architects.

As part of their selection, both Foster + Partners and Stewart Hollenstein will be required to develop and refine their proposals to final designs, which will be subject to development consent. A Development Application (DA) will be submitted late 2017 for determination by the City of Sydney.

In December 2016, Lendlease confirmed Ping An Real Estate and Mitsubishi Estate Asia as development partners. Circular Quay Tower is part of the broader Circular Quay renewal project with significant public and private investment into infrastructure and development, including Sydney Light Rail on George Street, upgrades to Circular Quay ferry terminal and other commercial projects.

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In Australia we offer development management; investment management; project management & construction and asset & property management. Our expertise covers multiple sectors including commercial, residential, retail, retirement and infrastructure.

About Foster + Partners

Foster + Partners is one of the most innovative architecture and integrated design practices in the world. Over the past five decades the practice has pioneered a sustainable approach to architecture through a strikingly wide range of work, from urban masterplans, public infrastructure, airports, civic and cultural buildings, offices and workplaces to private houses and product design. Based in London, with offices worldwide, the practice has an international reputation, with buildings in six continents.



About Stewart Hollenstein

Stewart Hollenstein is an architecture and urban design practice established in 2010. The studio is committed to addressing the challenges of contemporary society through the design of unique built environments.

Stewart Hollenstein is a highly innovative and inventive practice. Led by directors Matthias Hollenstein and Felicity Stewart who bring to the practice a broad range of experience gained both in Australia and overseas. The studio works with a specific and clear agenda to put meaningful human experiences at the centre of the design process.

