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Cancer Research UK and British Council to relocate to International Quarter London

Lendlease and LCR, joint venture partners of International Quarter London, today announced Cancer Research UK and British Council have signed pre-let agreements to relocate their headquarters to the development next to Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

The two leading British institutions join Transport for London (TfL) and the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) as the latest high-profile organisations to choose the £2.4 billion development in Stratford as their new base.

Cancer Research UK and British Council will jointly occupy the third commercial building to be built at International Quarter London totalling 280,000 sq. ft., bringing the total number of people soon to be working at the development to over 8,000.

Stratford has become an increasingly attractive business destination as it offers the opportunity to collaborate with some of London's brightest talent who will be based at the new University College of London and UAL's London College of Fashion campuses. The area also offers direct access to some of the world's most forward-thinking cultural institutions including the new V&A East and Sadler's Wells Theatre venues that will form part of the Cultural and Education District.

Cancer Research UK said the move will support its ambition of 3 in 4 people surviving cancer by 2034. The British Council is excited about the new location's unrivalled connectivity enabling a warm welcome for international and UK visitors. With 21st century facilities and vibrant design, the British Council believe the move will help it to inspiringly showcase the opportunities it creates worldwide.

Dan Labbad, Chief Executive Officer, International Operations for Lendlease said:

"We look forward to welcoming Cancer Research UK and British Council to our growing business community at International Quarter London. Stratford continues to flourish following the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and both these iconic British organisations are set to play an important role in the area's ongoing transformation."

Sir Ciaran Devane, Chief Executive at the British Council said:

"This location embodies the British Council's vision for international cultural relations. As well as providing a fantastic new workspace, our new global headquarters – in the heart of an inspiring new centre of culture, education and creativity – will allow us to demonstrate the diversity and value of our work across the globe to a wide and varied audience."

David Joy, Chief Executive of LCR said:

“We are thrilled that globally-renowned organisations like Cancer Research UK and The British Council are choosing to make International Quarter London their new home. Stratford is undergoing an incredibly exciting transformation and we look forward to working with both these organisations to help them make their mark on the area.”

International Quarter London’s workplaces have been designed with new workstyles in mind. Inviting public spaces featuring outdoor offices, a diverse retail mix and access to an abundance of green space are weaved together to create a workplace without boundaries. The result is a workplace experience that not only promotes flexibility in working environments but will also improve employee wellbeing.

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- The new building has been designed by world acclaimed architects Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners.
- Cancer Research UK will occupy floors 3-5 of the building, with an integrated fit-out totalling approximately 110,000 sq. ft. of workspace. The organisation has signed a 20-year lease and is set to relocate staff from the Angel Building in Islington, from September 2019.
- British Council has also signed a 20 year-lease and is set to occupy 84,000 sq. ft. when it moves from its current headquarters in Trafalgar Square.
- BNP Paribas and Jones Lang LaSalle represented Lendlease and LCR. Gryphon Property Partners acted for Cancer Research UK and CBRE acted for British Council.

About International Quarter London:

- International Quarter London is a £2.4 billion joint venture development between Lendlease and LCR. Located at the heart of Europe’s largest urban regeneration in Stratford, the project will deliver four million sq. ft. of Grade ‘A’ office space, 333 new homes and community facilities within a 22 acre (c.9 hectare) site.
- With the vision to create London’s new home for progressive businesses, International Quarter London benefits from an abundance of green space and fresh air, access to some of the world’s most forward-thinking cultural institutions, unrivalled transport connectivity and a workplace design that has employee wellbeing at its heart.
- Progress is well underway onsite with the first two residential towers now complete and almost one million sq. ft. of office space already pre-let. Investments from Deutsche Bank Asset Management and Legal & General totalled more than £615m of forward sales for the first two commercial buildings which will be occupied by Transport for London and the Financial Conduct Authority in autumn 2017 and spring 2018 respectively.
- Two further planning approvals have also recently been secured from the LLDC’s planning committee to progress on a new building that will accommodate more than 7,000 employees on International Quarter London’s south site and a 300,000 sq. ft. building on the north site of the development.

About Lendlease:

- Lendlease is a leading international property and infrastructure group, listed on the Australian Securities Exchange and operating in four key regions – Australia, Asia, Americas and Europe. The group has 12,000 employees worldwide.
- In the UK, it is the only fully integrated retail, residential and commercial provider delivering end-to-end property solutions. The company has core capabilities in development, investment management, construction, asset and property management.
- Lendlease is behind some of London's largest and most exciting mixed-use regeneration projects such as Elephant & Castle and International Quarter London.

About LCR:

- LCR is wholly owned by the DfT and specialises in the management, development and disposal of property assets within a railway context and, in particular, property assets associated with major infrastructure projects across England. LCR was responsible for the delivery of the High Speed 1 railway comprising St. Pancras International, Stratford International and Ebbsfleet.
- Today, having divested of HS1, LCR's primary focus is in the area of property development and land regeneration. In London, LCR is a joint venture partner in the £2.4bn strategic development at [International Quarter London](#) in Stratford; in 2016 the organisation also sold its 36.5% share in the major regeneration programme at [King's Cross](#), for which it was a steward for almost two decades. In addition, LCR is working with the DfT and Network Rail to bring the Waterloo International Terminal back into use and is transforming the arches at Leake Street into a new dining and leisure destination.
- Nationally, LCR and HS2 have established the HS2 Growth Partnership to work with local authorities, in line with their local HS2 Growth Strategies, to bring forward development around stations on the proposed HS2 route.
- LCR is involved in a number of high profile development projects, many of which are a result of LCR taking ownership of BRB (Residuary) Ltd properties in 2013. These include the regeneration of the 24-acre [Mayfield](#) site in Manchester, along with Manchester City Council, Transport for Greater Manchester and specialist regeneration and property developer U+I; and a substantial refurbishment of one of Derby's principal engineering employment centres, the [RTC Business Park](#), which offers 430,000 sq ft of office and commercial accommodation.

About Cancer Research UK:

- Cancer Research UK is the world's leading cancer charity dedicated to saving lives through research.
- Cancer Research UK's pioneering work into the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer has helped save millions of lives.
- Cancer Research UK receives no government funding for its life-saving research. Every step it makes towards beating cancer relies on vital donations from the public.
- Cancer Research UK has been at the heart of the progress that has already seen survival in the UK double in the last forty years.
- Today, 2 in 4 people survive their cancer. Cancer Research UK's ambition is to accelerate progress so that by 2034, 3 in 4 people will survive their cancer.
- Cancer Research UK supports research into all aspects of cancer through the work of over 4,000 scientists, doctors and nurses.
- Together with its partners and supporters, Cancer Research UK's vision is to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured.

About the British Council:

- The British Council is the UK's international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities.

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- Using the UK's cultural resources it makes a positive contribution to the countries it works with – changing lives by creating opportunities, building connections and engendering trust.
- It works with 20 million people face-to-face in more than 100 countries in the fields of arts and culture, English language, education and civil society.
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