

## Media Release

# TIQ STRATFORD CITY ANNOUNCES FIRST EVENT SINCE LONDON GAMES

**London, 26 February 2013-** It was formally announced today that UEFA will bring their annual UEFA Champions Festival to London on 23-26 May 2013. The free four-day football celebration, featuring a series of family-friendly activities, will be the first major event to come to the home of the 2012 London Olympics since last summer, taking place on The International Quarter, Stratford City close to Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

The International Quarter (TIQ), an entirely new commercial district from development partners Lend Lease and LCR, is the final piece of Stratford City, providing 4 million sq ft of new workplace and 25,000 new jobs. The space will overlook the Aquatics Centre, Stadium and Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

Lend Lease Managing Director of Development Mark Dickinson, said: "The International Quarter will become a vibrant new commercial hub for London. We are looking to attract early investment in the form of exhibitions and events and are keen to work with organisations to ensure benefits from these events spread beyond their boundaries to the local schools and communities in the surrounding areas".

The Festival will open on Thursday 23 May running through to Sunday 26 May following the UEFA Champions League Final at Wembley Stadium on Saturday 25 May. The climax to the Festival will be the Ultimate Champions Match which will feature a number of UEFA Champions League Legends. The focus of the event will be largely family orientated, including engagement with local schools and community.

Mayor of London Boris Johnson said: "We are delighted that the UEFA Champions Festival is returning to London and especially that it will take place on The International Quarter close to Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, the scene of our biggest sporting moment. It will provide a fantastic week-long family event and will revive the spirit of community and celebration that made last year's Olympic Games so special."

UEFA Champions League Final Ambassador Steve McManaman said: "The Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and the Stratford area came alive in the summer for London 2012 and UEFA is very proud to bring the annual UEFA Champions Festival to such a fantastic facility and offer an event that gives both parents and children the opportunity to celebrate football in a truly spectacular venue with free admission for all. We expect everyone will be blown away by the amazing multi-event entertainment programme on offer."

Further details regarding the exciting events on offer to fans during the week of the Festival will be released in the coming weeks.



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### **About Lend Lease**

Lend Lease is a leading international property and infrastructure group. 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.

Lend Lease is one of London's leading urban regenerators and is also delivering Elephant & Castle, arguably the last major urban regeneration in Zone One. This £1.5bn project is scheduled to be completed in 2026 and will deliver 2,800 homes, 50,000 sq ft of offices and the largest new park in central London for 70 years.

Lend Lease is listed on the Australian Stock Exchange and operates in four key regions – Australia, Asia, Americas and EMEA (Europe, Middle East, Africa). The group has more than 17,000 employees worldwide.

Lend Lease is listed on the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index (DJSI World) and in 2011 achieved the highest score (100 per cent) across the real estate sector for the environmental policy and management category.

### **About LCR**

LCR is a UK Government-owned company whose primary focus is the important regeneration projects at King's Cross, in partnership with Argent and DHL, and The International Quarter, Stratford City in partnership with Lend Lease, as well as a range of other property interests alongside the route of High Speed 1 (HS1).

The King's Cross and Stratford schemes together represent over 100 acres of development on strategically important brown field land and will deliver two thriving new office districts, up to 2,350 homes and billions of pounds of investment to the capital. LCR delivered the award winning HS1 railway, including new stations at Stratford International and Ebbsfleet, as well as the rebirth of St Pancras International.

In November 2010, LCR sold HS1 with its 30 year concession for the track and stations to a consortium comprising Borealis Infrastructure and the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan for £2.1 billion. LCR also retains a 40% stake in Eurostar International Ltd.