

Press release

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**Legal & General Launches Walbrook Square**

Legal & General has today submitted plans for a striking new office and retail development, to be known as Walbrook Square. The development will replace its existing buildings at Bucklersbury House, EC4. The project incorporates approximately 1 million sq ft net floorspace on the 3.7 acre site, with 95,000 sq ft of retail and restaurant floorspace and 875,000 sq ft of office space.

The development is centred around the creation of a new public square and new streets based on historic routes through the site, which will allow increased public access and permeability in the area. The square will be a vibrant public space at the heart of the City with international quality shops, cafes, bars and restaurants. Also incorporated into Walbrook Square will be a publicly accessible exhibition space to house remains of the Roman Temple of Mithras, which are to be returned to their original location beside the ancient Walbrook river.

Walbrook Square will be an exemplar of world class architecture designed by Atelier Foster Nouvel, a unique architectural partnership between the practices of Lord Foster of Thames Bank and the leading French architect Jean Nouvel. It will be composed of four buildings each with their own distinct character but which together read as a cluster. The lower elements take the form of plinths which respond to local views and to the heights of surrounding buildings. The more lightweight upper elements or clouds will be seen from more distant views to float above the plinths and shimmer against the sky.

Tim Breedon, Chief Executive of Legal & General, commented: Walbrook Square will be a great place to work and do business in London. It will provide high quality and flexible office space, and will be a new and vibrant destination with its new public square at the heart of the City. It will have a rich mix of public space, shops, cafes and restaurants and a new public exhibition space for the Roman Temple of Mithras.

Walbrook Square will be a landmark of world class contemporary architecture and a statement of L&G's continued commitment to the City. We believe that it will help to reinforce both the City and London's status as a world business and commercial centre.

Legal & General has had the vision to create a unique development opportunity on the largest site in the City core, and the project is a sensitive response to the scale and historic location of the site.

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"The creation of Walbrook Square presents the opportunity to rediscover a network of historic pedestrian routes and to introduce a new civic square - a valuable social focus for this special quarter of London. The clouds on top of the base of the buildings are designed as solar collectors - one of several components to make a sustainable and energy efficient workplace and local destination."

**Norman Foster, Founder and Executive Chairman and Jean Nouvel, Atelier Foster Nouvel**

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