

Press release

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Celebrating Spitalfields at Bishops Square

Yesterday The Rt. Hon, Lord Mayor of the City of London, Alderman, Robert Finch, set the seal on the Spitalfields development, Bishops Square, designed by Foster and Partners, with the burial of a time capsule containing contemporary items, to add to the rich history of the Spitalfields area.

Bishops Square is being developed by the Spitalfields Development Group, a subsidiary of Hammerson plc and its joint venture partners, The Corporation of London. When completed, the scheme will consist of 70,000 m² (760,000 ft²) of offices and 4,000 m² (45,000 ft²) of shops, restaurants, cafes and bars, as well as extensive public spaces. The offices will be occupied by international law firm, Allen & Overy.

Hammerson Development Director, Peter Cole, placed a set of coins of the realm in the capsule to mark the next chapter in Spitalfields long and varied history.

The Lord Mayor of the City of London, Robert Finch, added an original Spitalfields Fruit and Vegetable market Porters Badge, a copy of The Times newspaper and a copy of his monthly schedule.

Lord Foster attended the ceremony and added a small model of the Bishops Square scheme to the capsule. He commented:

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Today we are marking the contribution that this project and its public open spaces will make towards the continuing renewal and regeneration of Spitalfields, one of Londons most historically important and vibrant neighbourhoods.

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