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Canary Wharf Group appoints Individual Building Architects for Wood Wharf

Canary Wharf Group plc has appointed architects Herzog & de Meuron, Allies and Morrison and Stanton Williams to design the first phase of new buildings at the Wood Wharf development, one of Central London's most prestigious waterfront sites, adjacent to Canary Wharf.

Working alongside developer Canary Wharf Group and masterplanners Sir Terry Farrell and Partners, **Herzog & de Meuron** will design a prominent new residential tower on the most south westerly corner of the site. Facing the waters of South Dock on two sides the proposed landmark tower will be taller than its immediate neighbours and enjoy views over a new waterside park on the south side of the site. It will set a new benchmark for high rise residential design in London and signal Canary Wharf Group's ambition for creating a new and exciting mixed use creative district at Wood Wharf. It will offer superb 360 degree views of London in what will be one of the capital's tallest residential buildings.

Allies and Morrison will design two new office buildings within the 20 acre, mixed-use site. Sitting either side of the most westerly section of the site's proposed new High Street, the office buildings and the High Street will form an important link with Canary Wharf to the west and help to meet the demand of growing business sectors in London, including IT services and new media. As well as new flexible and world-class office space, the design brief calls for retail spaces on the ground and first floors of each of the two buildings. The new animated High Street will be a new destination at Canary Wharf and will support retail, cultural, health and community uses.

Stanton Williams will design three new residential buildings around a communal courtyard, waterways and green space at the western end of Wood Wharf. These will include views onto the surrounding water, which is intended to be animated with events, retail and leisure activity. The buildings will be designed to the highest specifications and accentuate sunlight penetration from the south. They will be linked to Canary Wharf and the buzzing Wood Wharf High Street by pedestrian footpaths over the water.

Robert Maguire, Project Director for Wood Wharf at Canary Wharf Group said: "We are very pleased to welcome Herzog & de Meuron, Allies and Morrison and Stanton Williams on to the Wood Wharf design team, which now comprises some of the best architectural talent in the world.

"This is one of London's most exciting waterfront developments. It will be an evolution of Canary Wharf, helping to meet the needs of London's growing business sectors, in particular technology and new media firms, and provide another large step forward for the regeneration of East London."

Ascan Mergenthaler, Senior Partner at Herzog & de Meuron said: "The new Wood Wharf Tower will mediate between the city and the individual, public and private and will inject a new component of daily residential life into the evolving mixed-use Canary Wharf district. It will be both a symbol and the heart of the new Wood Wharf urban quarter, an extension of a dynamic global community and the start of a new vibrant neighbourhood."

Graham Morrison, Partner at Allies and Morrison said: "We are very pleased to have been appointed to such an impressive team on this key London site. The office and public realm content of the scheme offer an opportunity for us to develop our experience in the commercial sector to further explore our interest in creating places which are both financially and socially successful."

Paul Williams, Director at Stanton Williams said: *"We are delighted to continue our relationship with the Canary Wharf Group to design some of the first residential buildings at Wood Wharf. We look forward to working with the wider design team on the creation of exciting new living environments for this exceptional site."*

The two office buildings by Allies and Morrison and the residential towers designed by Herzog & De Meuron and Stanton Williams are intended to be built by Canary Wharf Group in the first phase of development, with construction commencing in 2014. It is anticipated that the first buildings will open at Wood Wharf in 2017 prior to the start of Crossrail trains running through Canary Wharf from 2018. All the concept design proposals that are currently being drawn up are subject to an extensive public consultation process which started in September 2012 and will continue through the spring 2013.

Canary Wharf Group acquired the full rights to develop the Wood Wharf site in January 2012 from previous joint venture partners Canal and River Trust (previously British Waterways) and Ballymore. In June the Group appointed Sir Terry Farrell and Partners to develop a new masterplan and in September it appointed Peter Walker and Partners Landscape Architecture to provide the site's landscape design. Further architects will be appointed for individual buildings as the design development of the masterplan progresses.

The 20 acre site already has a previous outline planning approval for 4.7m sq. ft. of mixed use office, retail and residential space, about one third of the size of the existing Canary Wharf estate. The consultation process for the new masterplan began in autumn 2012, with an application for a new outline planning permission expected to be submitted in spring 2013. It is anticipated the scheme will be developed in phases over 10-12 years with the first phase commencing in 2014.

In mid-2012, Canary Wharf Group appointed Eric Van Der Kleij to help shape the Group's vision for future development, including encouraging companies in growth sectors such as technology, media and telecommunications to locate themselves in Canary Wharf. In early 2013 the Group is launching Level39 at One Canada Square, Canary Wharf, an accelerator space for technology companies innovating in financial services, helping to converge London's technology and financial worlds.

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1) About Canary Wharf Group plc

Canary Wharf Group plc is an integrated property development, investment and management group of companies.

Canary Wharf has a working population of nearly 100,000 people in a diverse range of sectors for some of the world's leading companies. It has paved the way for the regeneration of London's Docklands and one in five Canary Wharf workers now lives in a local East

London borough. It has helped London and the City consolidate its position at the centre of the business world.

The Group has plans in place to continue to develop Canary Wharf in the coming years in parallel with other central London developments including the Shell Centre on the South Bank (in a joint venture with Qatari Diar) and 20 Fenchurch Street in the City of London (in a joint venture with Land Securities). The Group has completed the construction phase of the Canary Wharf Crossrail station ahead of schedule and on budget.

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2) **About Herzog & de Meuron**

Herzog & de Meuron is a partnership led by five Senior Partners – [Jacques Herzog](#), [Pierre de Meuron](#), [Christine Binswanger](#), [Ascan Mergenthaler](#) and [Stefan Marbach](#). Established in 1978 in Basel, Switzerland, Herzog & de Meuron are known for designs that are at once highly inventive and sensitive to the site, geography, and culture of the region for which they are planned. While many of their projects are highly recognised public facilities, such as the conversion of the Bankside power plant into Tate Modern, in London (2000), as well as the extension of the latter, The Tate Modern Project, London (under construction, projected completion 2016), they have also completed several distinguished private projects including apartment buildings, offices and factories. An international team is working on projects across Europe, North and South America and Asia. The firm's main office is in Basel with additional offices in Hamburg, London, Madrid, New York and Hong Kong. The practice's many prizes include "The Pritzker Architecture Prize" (USA) in 2001, the "RIBA Royal Gold Medal" (UK) and the "Praemium Imperiale" (Japan), both in 2007. Recent collaborations include working with Chinese artist Ai Weiwei on the design for the National Stadium Beijing in China (2008), and the Serpentine Gallery Pavilion 2012 in London's Kensington Gardens.

www.herzogdemeuron.com

3) **About Allies and Morrison**

Allies and Morrison is an architecture and urban planning practice based in London. It operates from its own studios in Southwark Street, the RIBA London Building of the Year 2004. The practice has completed projects throughout the UK and is currently undertaking work in Germany, the Netherlands, India, the Lebanon and Qatar.

Allies and Morrison brings to all its projects the same rigorous approach which places importance on the way buildings work, the way they are made, and the public spaces they generate. The practice was named Architect of the Year in the 2007 Building Design Awards and has won more than 30 RIBA Awards.

www.alliesandmorrison.com

4) **About Stanton Williams**

Stanton Williams is an award winning international architectural practice based in London. The firm has developed its portfolio from an initial focus on museums and galleries towards a wide variety of projects, all of which demonstrate the practice's over-arching objective of putting the user's experience of space, light and materials at the forefront of the agenda. Completed projects include: the new Campus for the University of the Arts London at Kings Cross, Tower Hill, the Stirling Prize winning Sainsbury Laboratory in the University of Cambridge's botanical gardens, the Hackney Marshes Centre and the Eton Manor site for the London Olympics 2012. Current projects include: King's Cross Square, the Grand Musée d'Art in Nantes and a number of high end residential projects in London.

www.stantonwilliams.com

5) The Canary Wharf technology, media and telecommunications (TMT) community

Canary Wharf's TMT sector occupiers range from innovative financial technology companies and IT consultancy businesses, to advertising and media groups and business information providers.

Technology, media and telecommunications companies at Canary Wharf include:

Citihub
Infosys
Trinity Mirror
3i Infotech
Interquest
Ricoh UK
Samsung
Sungard
Telecom2 Limited
Thomson Reuters
Oracle Financial Services
Instinet
McGraw-Hill
Ogilvy & Mather

Business IT company Infosys has recently opened its Experience Centre at its Canary Wharf offices at 10 Upper Bank Street. The Experience Centre is a showcase for new software for Infosys' clients and prospective clients.

Canary Wharf tenants like Citihub, Instinet and Ricoh are providers of high-frequency and event-driven trading platforms which are driving innovation in the financial services sector.

Canary Wharf Group recently launched Wired Wharf, a social network for the technology, media and telecoms community in Canary Wharf and beyond

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/#!/WiredWharf>

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