Heron International is pleased to announce that Heron Tower, its flagship office building on Bishopsgate in the City of London, has been named Best Commercial Workplace at the 2012 British Council for Offices Awards.

The accolade was presented at a gala dinner on Tuesday 2 October, held at the Grosvenor Hotel in central London. Attended by around 1,500 guests, the ceremony brought together architects, agents, designers, developers and occupiers.

Having won the BCO London & South East regional award earlier this year, Heron Tower fought off competition from other office developments from around the UK to take the national award. Judges took into account the success of the project against the brief, as well as flexibility, efficiency, quality, sustainability, effectiveness as a workplace and contribution to public realm.

Gerald Ronson CBE, Chief Executive of Heron International, also won the President’s Award, in recognition of his long and outstanding contribution to the offices industry.

**Commenting on Heron Tower’s success at the BCO Awards, Gerald Ronson CBE, Chief Executive of Heron International, said:**

“We are extremely proud of Heron Tower and are very pleased to receive this accolade in recognition of the building’s quality. From its prime location at the heart of the City to the outstanding design and finish of the office space, right through to the unique features such as the aquarium in the lobby and the high speed, fully glazed, double-deck lifts, our aim with Heron Tower was to create a truly special building that sets new standards for office space. This award from the British Council for Offices is a testament to the hard work of all those involved in bringing this vision to life.”

Heron Tower is the tallest building in the City of London, stretching 230 metres into the skyline and offering 36 storeys of office space along with bars and restaurants on the ground and uppermost storeys. Lettings agents for Heron Tower are CBRE and Savills.
Notes to Editors:

About Heron Tower

- Heron Tower is London’s newest skyscraper, completed in March 2011 and stretching 230m into the City skyline
- It is the tallest building in the City of London
- It provides 40,836 sq m of office space spread over 36 floors, plus a public ground floor restaurant and bar and a restaurant and sky bar at the top of the building, also open to the public and accessed via direct scenic lifts from Bishopsgate
- It has a BREEAM environmental and sustainability rating of ‘Excellent’
- The development includes fully glazed, double-deck lifts affording spectacular views
- Its triple-height lobby accommodates the UK’s largest privately owned aquarium containing 1200 fish of 67 different species
- Further information is available at www.herontower.com