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Luxury penthouses launch in the City of London

Heron International, the pan European property group, announced today that it has launched the two luxury penthouses at The Heron, the final apartments in the development to come to market. With prices starting from £12 million, the penthouses offer quality, specification and views currently unrivalled in London.

Measuring respectively 6,000 sq ft with four bedrooms and four bathrooms and 4,000 sq ft with three bedrooms and three bathrooms, both properties have triple-aspect views across London from double-height spaces with floor-to-ceiling glass. On the upper level, they have retractable roofs and space for a gym and screening room.

Over 97% of the apartments have now been sold at The Heron, which sits in the City's cultural quarter, adjacent to The Barbican. It is the largest residential project in the Square Mile for over 30 years, comprising 285 apartments spread across 36 floors. The lower floors provide new facilities for the Guildhall School of Music & Drama.

The penthouses have been highly specified throughout to include polished Sahara Noir marble floors, Boffi kitchens with Bianco quartz stone and Gaggenau appliances and dark smoky quartz and black granite in the master bathrooms.

All those living at The Heron will have access to a private residents' club with lounge, bar, gym, screening room, meeting rooms and landscaped roof garden, as well as valet parking and a concierge service.

Commenting on the launch of the penthouses, Lisa Ronson, Commercial Director of Heron International, said:

"The penthouses at The Heron are unlike any other property on the market in the City, offering unparalleled space, service and specification, as well as exceptional views across the capital. The Heron is now 97% sold, a clear indication of the high level of demand to buy in the Square Mile and, with average property prices rising, this activity is likely to increase, as end-users and investors alike look to capitalise on the renaissance of the City."

Sales agents for The Heron are Jones Lang La Salle, CBRE and Savills.

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Notes to Editors:

- The Heron is a development of 285 highly specified apartments providing much sought after, luxury living space in the Square Mile and the rare opportunity of a walking commute into the City of London which has 350,000 workers by day but only 8,000 residents.
- The Heron is adjacent to The Barbican Centre on Silk Street, home to the finest in international arts and culture, with a diverse programme of exhibitions, performing arts, concerts and cinema. It is within walking distance of the Barbican, Moorgate and Liverpool Street tube stations. This equates to direct access to five of London's 12 tube lines and to two of the City's train stations.
- The lower floors of The Heron provide a new home for the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, one of Europe's leading conservatoires. The custom-designed, state-of-the-art performance, teaching and support space accommodates a 608 seat concert hall, a 227 seat drama theatre, and a 126 seat studio theatre, enhancing the prestige of the residential tower. The School's impressive list of alumni includes Daniel Craig, Dido, Sarah Lancashire, Tasmin Little, Anne Sofie von Otter, Honor Blackman, Orlando Bloom, Sir James Galway, Jacqueline du Pré, Sir George Martin, Ewan McGregor, and Bryn Terfel, to name but a few.
- Further information is available at www.theheron.co.uk

About Heron International

Since it was founded, Heron International has developed 160 buildings in the key business districts of nine leading cities and has developed, invested in and managed a wide range of prime offices, residential, leisure, hotels and mixed-use projects in the UK and Europe. It has developed more than 1 million sq m of commercial and retail property and more than 15,000 residential units in the UK, continental Europe and the USA. It currently has a £500 million investment portfolio and its current development programme is valued at £1 billion.

