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Milton Court, The Heron designed by David Walker Architects and RHWL Arts Team wins RIBA London Award 2014



Heron International, the pan European property group, is delighted to announce that Milton Court, The Heron has been awarded a RIBA London Award 2014 in the Arts and Leisure category.

Designed by David Walker Architects and RHWL Arts Team, the lower floors of the City of London development are home to the state-of-the-art new facilities for the world-renowned Guildhall School of Music & Drama, one of the City's most prized educational and cultural establishments.

Located on the corner of Silk Street and Moor Lane, the new facilities include a 608-seat concert hall, a 223-seat theatre and a 126-seat studio theatre, in addition to teaching and administration spaces.

The Heron is the first major residential development in the City for 30 years and a 28-storey private residential tower sits above the School at the eastern end of the site, offering 285 luxury apartments in the heart of the City of London.

Lisa Ronson, Commercial Director of Heron International, said: "The RIBA London Awards celebrate the best new architecture in the capital each year, so we are thrilled that Milton Court, The Heron has received this prestigious award. It is testament to the successful partnership between Heron International, the Guildhall School of Music & Drama and the City of London Corporation, underpinned by the commitment and vision of the design team."

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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 223-seat drama theatre, and a 126-seat studio theatre.
- 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

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