



HFD Group Awarded Best Commercial Workplace for g1 Glasgow

Leading commercial property developers, the HFD Group (HFD), have been awarded Scotland's Best Commercial Workplace award at the recent British Council for Offices (BCO) Awards for their outstanding development of g1 Glasgow.

G1 Glasgow was purchased in late 2005, semi-derelict as a result of having lain vacant for 10 years. A blight in George Square, the commercial, cultural and civic heart of Glasgow, a £70m re-development has returned the building into the most desirable address in the City. Within a year of opening, the building is 94% let, with an impressive tenant list covering Ernst & Young, Maclay Murray & Spens, Gardiner & Theobald, Mercers, Jamie's Italian and Browns Brasserie.

HFD's Development Director, Stephen Lewis explained "From the outset, we were convinced that we were setting the benchmark for office accommodation, which ultimately would attract the highest calibre of occupiers. The quality of the occupiers securing space in the building is affirmation that we have delivered on that brief.

"We are immensely proud that G1 not only sets the standard for city centre working environments, but it has also made such a substantial, positive contribution to re-activating the southern corner of George Square. We are delighted to receive an award from the BCO which provides yet further confirmation of the building's quality, and reflects the considerable hard work and effort by the project team."

John Sheperd, BCO judging chair for Scotland, commented "The preservation of Victorian architecture combined with the creation of a working environment which meets the BCO guidelines for modern office space has produced an outstanding, beautiful building. This, along with the contribution the building has made to help re-generate George Square, Glasgow's most prominent civic space, made G1 a most deserving winner."

G1 Glasgow will now go on to compete for the "Best of the Best" award the BCO national awards later in the year.

With over 120,000 sq ft let within 12 months, a limited window of opportunity now remains to acquire the remaining 7,300 sq ft on the fourth floor.

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