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# First images of Shell Centre's phase one released

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Interior visuals of new apartments released as waiting-list tops 2,000

**EMBARGOED UNTIL WEDS** - Architecture practice Squire and Partners has unveiled the first interior images of phase one of the £1.2bn Shell Centre redevelopment.

The new development at One York Square titled Southbank Place has been designed by Squire and Partners and Johnson Naylor.

The development is the first of seven new towers at the Shell Centre site, which was finally approved after a lengthy legal battle between developers Braeburn Estates – a joint venture between Qatari Diar and Canary Wharf, and local campaigner George Turner.

According to Squire and Partners the building is divided into four tiers, with the number of apartments decreasing as the structure ascends; eight apartments per floor in the first tier, six in the second, four in the third, and a final four stunning Penthouses. Two thirds of the apartments in One York Square enjoy a dual aspect, bringing the spectacular cityscape of central London and the City into the homes of the owners.

Murray Levinson, Partner at Squire and Partners commented: "Squire and Partners' designs for One York Square create an elegant residential tower which acts as a significant marker in the Southbank Place development. A simple plan ensures that the majority of apartments are dual aspect, with full height glazing maximising views of the River Thames, Embankment and South Bank. Elevations are a crafted response to the local context, expressed as a crisp stone frame within which projecting balconies and bespoke bronze details add richness to the facade. The building culminates in a dramatic four storey glazed lantern which contain exceptional penthouse apartments."

A one-bedroom apartment starts from £685,000, with a two-bed costing a minimum of £1,000,000. Over 2,000 parties have registered interest in the new apartments in the first week of registrations launching.

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