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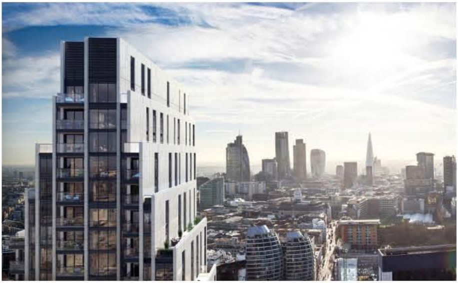
London calling: the latest residential developments from the UK capital

London is a complex city with one of the most diverse cultural fabrics of the world, presenting architects, developers and politicians alike with numerous challenges when it comes to housing the people that contribute to its success. Yet all the while London's urban housing equation remains up for debate, from the cobbled streets of Mayfair to the smooth pavements of Canary Wharf and beyond, there is a new crop of residential buildings on the rise.



The Atlas Building
18 March 2019

Upon completion, ScottBrownrigg subsidiary Design Delivery Unit and Make Architects' The Atlas Building will be the tallest structure in Old Street. Its simple design is a response to its urban context. Twelve vertical blades are staggered across the site, connected by glazed infills to provide the development's 302 apartments, each with floor-to-ceiling windows. An extensive array of on-site amenities caters to an active lifestyle, including a ground floor swimming pool and gym. A 24-hour concierge service also features, as well as a private residents' lounge and cinema room. *Image: © Rocket Properties*

The Broadway
18 March 2019

Stapled for a 2021 completion, The Broadway is a 1.72-acre mixed-use hub combining space for working, living and socialising. Panoramic views of the city skyline knit together an enviable map of proximate hot spots, bridging St. James's to the west, and South Bank to the east. Its six towers will play host to 268 state-of-the-art apartments, accompanied by a new public courtyard, pedestrianised plaza, shops, cafes and restaurants.

South Quay Plaza
15 March 2019

Canary Wharf's residential panorama grows wider with Foster + Partners' South Quay Plaza, sat at Marsh Wall on the Isle of Dogs. The mixed-use development opens up new access to the Thames waterside and creates new pedestrian routes bridging Millwall and Cubitt Town. The twin residential towers offer mixed-tenure homes complemented by an array of amenities including a double-height pool, fitness centre and spa. Furthermore, one of the tower's 56th floors will become home to London's highest bar. *Image: © Foster + Partners*

No. 1 Palace Street
15 March 2019

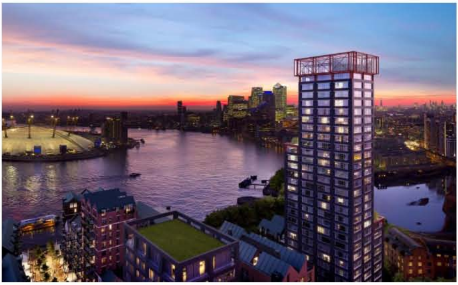
Developers Northacre and architects Squire and Partners' No. 1 Palace Street sits on an island site just over the road from Buckingham Palace. The 302,377 sq ft revival development is at the meeting point of Belgravia, Knightsbridge and St. James. Its 72 residences will feature high ceilings and views over the Palace and its gardens.

Principal Tower
14 March 2019

Foster + Partners' Principal Tower will be the main residential component of Principal Place, an upcoming mixed-use development in Hackney. Standing at 175m, the apartment tower will be one of the tallest of its kind in Europe. Inside, pale wood floors are met with white marble and bronze detailing, the latter of which extends to curved balconies scaling the tower. A residents' gym is available on the first floor whilst a private bar overlooks the nearby plaza from the mezzanine level. The development is also sustainably driven, featuring a combined heat and power plant, mounted photovoltaic panels and grey water harvesting. *Image: © Foster + Partners*

One Blackfriars
28 February 2019

One Blackfriars is the focal point of a new public plaza located at the centre of South Bank. Fifteen years in the making, SimpsonHaugh's 50-storey residential tower includes a distinctive outer skin made up of 5,476 glass panels that are bent into shape during installation. A secondary interior façade features coloured panels ranging from earthy tones to shades of silver, connected to the exterior by winter gardens. Joining the 274 homes are two further buildings at a lower level: one houses shops, restaurants and resident leisure facilities, the other the 161-bedroom Bankside hotel. *Image: courtesy SimpsonHaugh*



Douglass Tower
11 September 2018

London architects Allies and Morrison are behind Douglass Tower, the latest addition to the British capital's ever-changing skyline. Created for Ballymore, the high rise will be located at the Goodluck Hope development on Leamouth Peninsula and spans 30 storeys. The project sits by the River Thames and pays homage to the civil engineer and prolific lighthouse designer Sir James Douglass (1826 – 1898).

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Apartments at the tower have just been released for sale, including a range of one, two and three bed units. At the building's very top sits The Lantern Room, a shared work-life space for residents. A platform on the same level allows them to sit back and take in the breath taking views over London and the water.

No.3 Canalside Walk
29 August 2018

At the heart of Paddington's regeneration scheme, No.3 Canalside Walk is a newly launched residential building scheduled to complete in 2020. The design, by Horden Cherry Lee Architects (HCL Architects), features staggers glass balconies and a light silver-grey terracotta façade. It was important that the waterside location, with its adjacent towpath, moored houseboats and placing directly opposite Paddington Station's new overground entrance, would feature enhanced public spaces too.

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The building features 84 residences, a communal rooftop observatory lounge, a terrace and an outdoor gym. Apartments include floor to ceiling double glazed windows and sliding doors to balconies opening up to the canal view. Rooftop amenities optimize the central location while at ground level, No.3 Canalside Walk will hold retail spaces covered by a stainless steel and glass canopy that shelters space for visitors at street level.

Battersea Power Station
26 March 2018

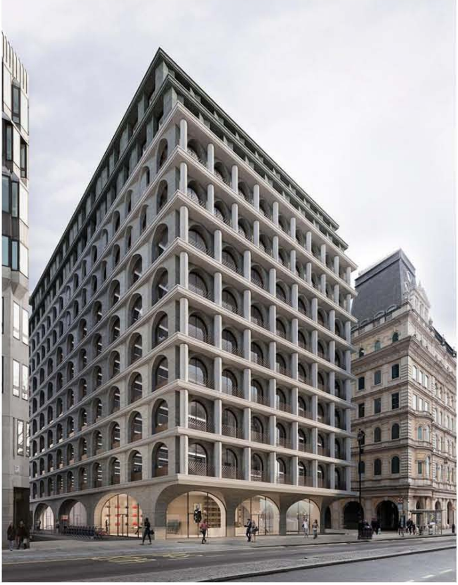
The Battersea Power Station in London is one of the capital's largest ongoing development sites, mixing modern residential with leisure and retail. Now, the old power station's Turbine Halls have just been released for leasing. The development is set to bring the old London landmark back to life with two former turbine halls that will house a range of retailers. Each space will draw on its architectural characteristics – 1930s design for Turbine A, and 1950s-modern inspired decor for Turbine B.

One Park Drive by Herzog & de Meuron

The Swiss duo's first residential building in the UK has just announced the release of its three unique Level 32 Sky Lofts apartments. Elsewhere the development offers three different types of interiors. The apartments, located in Canary Wharf, are meticulously designed and set apart from the building's other units. They also offer unparalleled views of the London skyline.

Dollar Bay by SimpsonHaugh

Rising over London's Docklands, a new 31-storey residential tower constructed of angled glass panels has formed a sculptural pinnacle over the water. Featuring 125 residences, the building was designed to reflect ripples and folds and lightly rests within a regenerated public realm. Residents benefit from floor-to-ceiling glazing and homes are orientated to the east and west, with most having access to double or triple aspects, winter gardens and views across Canary Wharf, Greenwich and the Thames. Modern amenities include a garden with playground, a gym with a view across the dock as well as basement car parking and cycle storage. Taking advantage of the waterside site, the building features a water cooling solution using London Dock water to improve energy efficiency. *Photography: Hufton + Crow*



5 Strand by Adjaye Associates

Westminster has recently approved Adjaye Associates' planning and designs for 5 Strand. A stone's throw from Trafalgar Sqaure, the mixed-use corner block will contain 26 luxury residential apartments on the upper four floors, above offices and a ground floor retail colonnade. Reflecting the existing Grade I and II listed architecture of the Strand, the design geometrically mirrors the surrounding roof lines and arches prevalent in the area.

Belvedere Gardens by GRID Architects

Located on London's Southbank – overlooking the River Thames, the London Eye and the Houses of Parliament, Belvedere Gardens is a residential building designed by GRID Architects as part of the Southbank Place masterplan by Squire & Partners. Recently topped out, Belvedere Gardens is the building at the front of the development that runs parallel to the Southbank. GRID Architects has woven careful details into the design that reflect the history of the iconic location. Inspired by The Festival of Britain exhibition held in 1951, the motif of the 'Festival Star' can be found patterned into the decorative aluminium façade.

The Landmark Pinnacle by Squire & Partners

In Canary Wharf, this newly launched 75-storey tower features 752 residential properties with interiors by Squire & Partners. Two smaller buildings of 45 and 30 floors will eventually join the Landmark Pinnacle to create the Landmark Trilogy, and the whole development is scheduled to complete in 2020.

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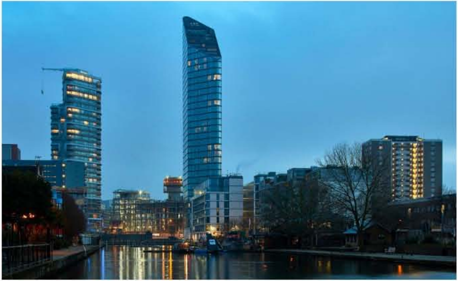
Squire & Partners rose to the challenge of designing London's highest private roof terrace in the building, seamlessly integrated into the sleek glass façade. The simple geometric form fits into the Canary Wharf skyline, reflecting the sky and the surrounding water. With a golf simulator and putting green on the 56th floor, Landmark Pinnacle has gone to town with its amenities for residents, which also include arcade room, private dining areas and, following the concept of a creating a 'vertical community', the whole 27th floor is dedicated to an indoor garden, that will attempt to evoke the atmosphere of a London Square.

Beau House by Dukelease and Oliver Burns

Seven new apartments have launched within Beau House on Jermyn Street in West London's St James's area, a destination associated with men's tailoring. The design team at Dukelease collaborated with Oliver Burns to create the elegant block, named after Beau Brummel, a British style icon of the 18th century. The limestone façade, conscious of the legacy of the area, is detailed with bronze, while inside, interiors have been crafted with materials such as brushed brass, leather, marble and oak. Bringing art deco influence into the interior design of the apartments, the design team at Edward Philips used bespoke rugs by Paul Smith for The Rug Company, to complement the oak parquet chevron flooring.



Lexicon by SOM and Squire & Partners

At the City Road Basin, in London's borough of Islington, the Lexicon tower contributes to a recent growth spurt of high-rise residential projects in the area between Old Street and Angel. The main 360-storey tower of the Lexicon is framed by two lower buildings that include shops and cafes at ground level. The low-iron glass façades provide each apartment with floor-to-ceiling glazing and lower apartments have balconies overlooking the canal basin. Lexicon features 200 private and 107 government subsidised units, along with amenities for residents including a spa, gym, residents' lounge, concierge and basement parking. *Photography: Paul Raftery*

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