



PAN PACIFIC LONDON

THE CITY'S MAGNIFICENT NEW LANDMARK, THE FLAGSHIP ONE BISHOPSGATE PLAZA, IS A 43 STOREY BRONZE TOWER AND PLAZA COMPLEX THAT INCORPORATES THE PAN PACIFIC LONDON HOTEL, AND IS THE FIRST MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS KIND IN THE SQUARE MILE.



The building has already been awarded various accolades by the International Property Awards for its architecture, design and mixture of uses, several years before it was due to open.

The new hotel, located within the bronze tower, is due to open at the end of spring, marking Pan Pacific Hotels Group's first footprint in Europe.

Pan Pacific London is a modern urban retreat in the heart of the City of London, just moments from Liverpool Street Station, and combines sincere Singaporean hospitality with contemporary London design.

A new statement of indulgence with interiors designed by New-York based duo Yabu Pushelberg, the hotel appeals to city workers and urban explorers with a slew of world-class amenities.

These include 237 guestrooms and one-bedroom suites, one all day dining

restaurant, one afternoon tea lounge, one patisserie and two bars; a wellbeing floor with treatment rooms, relaxation pods, a well-equipped gym and fitness area, a Living Room with a curated nutritional menu, and 18.5m indoor infinity pool; a public plaza; two floors of meeting rooms and event spaces, as well as the largest ballroom in the Square Mile hosting banquets for up to 400 guests – plus many more facilities.

The welcoming feel of the hotel's entrance design, which echoes the geometry, patterns and shapes of the 43-storey tower, is designed to invite guests and the local community into the space.

Catering to well heeled, discerning travellers, the luxurious Pan Pacific London will provide a facility unmatched in scale and quality by any existing hotels in the area. The provision of top-quality meeting and events space, including the double-height ballroom, together with the other public functions of

the hotel will support The City's function as a centre for international business.

Epitomising the juxtaposition of old and new London architecture, One Bishopsgate Plaza encapsulates not only the bronze tower, encompassing Pan Pacific London and private Sky Residence apartments, but also the 144 year old One Devonshire House, featuring designer shops, a destination restaurant and a contemporary cocktail bar. A landscaped public plaza seamlessly connects these two cultural hubs together, making it a 24-hour destination for meeting, living, working and discovering. This is a real lifestyle destination in the city.

Designed by PLP Architecture, the practice behind some of the world's smartest and most sustainable buildings, Pan Pacific London represents an unprecedented leap in both creativity and quality – in which PLP Architecture are facing the challenge of transcending the pre-existing standards of luxury and elegance that the Pan Pacific Hotels Group is renowned for.

Mark Kelly of PLP Architecture said: "It is very unusual to obtain permission to build both a hotel and a residential building within The City. The project had a very long gestation – in fact we were originally looking into the concept of creating a whole new plaza incorporating a series of buildings around 2007, with the scheme being given planning consent in 2010." »

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“Further minor alterations to the plans were made in 2011, with the finalised scheme receiving assent in 2012. The site was then purchased by Pan Pacific’s parent company in 2014, when we started working with them.”

There were a number of constraints including nearby Victorian buildings – some of which are incorporated within the scheme – as well as a Crossrail tunnel below the site. In addition, the positioning of the tower was driven by a whole series of protected viewing corridors associated with the walk Queen’s Walk in front of the GLA building on the south side of the river by Tower Bridge.

Mark Kelly continued: “This is why the building is structured with a series of terraces at level 34 and level 26 on the eastern elevation. As architects, we work within these site constraints to develop a well resolved massing and an approach that fulfils the hotel and residential brief – and in this case it worked very nicely. In fact, the site lends itself very well to the required combination of uses.

The tower is designed to demonstrate the very high quality and ambitions of the overall development. Its form steps back as it rises, providing terraces and other amenity spaces for residents and guests. An intricately-detailed façade with bronze louvres in varying configurations provides aesthetic sophistication and contrast to the adjacent Heron Tower’s more solid form. »

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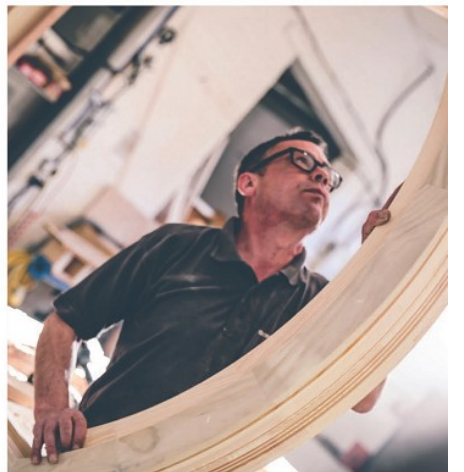


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