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# BATTERSEA POWER STATION WELCOMES FIRST RESIDENTS TO GEHRY PARTNERS' PROSPECT PLACE

- Prospect Place is globally renowned architect Frank Gehry's first residential buildings in the UK
- It comprises two buildings with 308 uniquely designed homes, double-height retail units at street level and Prospect Park which includes a newly opened playground
- Its completion marks a major milestone which reflects the significant progress made on the site, with the Power Station opening to the public this September

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Caption: A first look inside Frank Gehry's first residential buildings in the UK (image credit: Taran Wilkhu)

Battersea Power Station has welcomed the first residents to Prospect Place, Gehry Partners' first residential building in the UK and a key component of the Battersea Power Station regeneration project.

Prospect Place comprises 308 new homes including studios, one, two, and three bedroom apartments, alongside four bedroom townhouses and penthouses, presenting a rare opportunity to purchase a Frank Gehry-designed home.

Complete with the highest quality finishes, no two apartments are the same and the experience of purchasing an apartment designed by Gehry Partners is similar to buying a one-of-a-kind work of art. Many of the apartments offer views of the Power Station itself – one of the most iconic buildings in the UK – and every property comes with a spacious open plan layout and access to either a winter garden or terrace. Between the buildings is a residents' garden designed by LDA Design, the landscape designers of the London Olympic Park.

Bringing the 15-minute neighbourhood to life, double-height retail units are located at street level, forming one half of Electric Boulevard, which will be the main pedestrian gateway to the development and a new high street for Battersea, offering a mix of office space, shops, bars and restaurants. Zara will be opening its first central London store south of the river on Electric Boulevard.

This new high street will also form an entry point into the new Battersea Power Station Zone 1 tube station - the first major extension to the London Underground network this century - connecting the destination and wider Battersea neighbourhood to the West End, City and beyond within 15 minutes.

In a one-of-a-kind opportunity, residents will have access to the adjacent building designed by prestigious architect firm Foster + Partners. In Battersea Roof Gardens, residents are able to make use of the state-of-the-art amenities including a 8,350 sq ft private Sky Lounge, a sunset bar, workspaces, cinema room, lounge areas and a gym. Residents will also be able to enjoy rooftop gardens designed by James Corner, who designed the New York High Line, and LDA Design. Alongside the high quality amenities, Battersea Roof Gardens will comprise 232 new apartments and new retail space positioned on Electric Boulevard with a 164-room art'otel, the brand's first hotel to open in London, completing the building.

Prospect Place and Battersea Roof Gardens sit to the south of the Power Station, with a children's playground, Prospect Park and Electric Boulevard, the new high street, also forming part of this phase.

Gehry Partners has designed two colour palettes for the homes in Prospect Place: London and LA. The London palette reflects the historical elements of the development with metal finishes and contrasting rich textures to create a streamlined industrial feel, mirroring that of the adjacent Power Station. In contrast, and drawing upon warmer climates, the LA palette is more relaxed with pale wooden finishes and a light colour scheme to complement the bright open spaces and waterside living experience.

A new show apartment has recently been completed, fitted with the LA palette, providing a first look inside the Gehry Partners' development.

Simon Murphy, Chief Executive Officer at Battersea Power Station Development Company (BPSDC), said: "Frank Gehry and his team have gone above and beyond in the delivery of world-class buildings at Prospect Place. It is an honour that Frank's first UK

residential project is at Battersea Power Station and its completion marks an important milestone in the development. When we first designed the masterplan, we envisioned a thriving community where people can live, work and play, and with every milestone achieved, we are ever closer to making that vision a reality, particularly as we prepare to open the Power Station to the public from September."

**Frank Gehry, Founder of Gehry Partners, said**: "I love London. It has culture, history and diversity and the buildings we have created at Battersea Power Station are designed to stand artfully on their own amongst all of that, whilst also framing an internationally recognised icon.

"It is important we create social places for future generations and our goal from the start has been to create a neighbourhood that connects into the historic fabric of the city of London but also has its own identity and integrity."







Caption: Purchasing an apartment designed by Gehry Partners is similar to buying a one-of-a-kind work of art (image credit: Taran Wilkhu)

The completion of the buildings and arrival of residents follows Switch House West and Switch House East, on the left and right wings of the Power Station, where residents started to move into their homes last year. Originally designed by architect Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, the Power Station has been sensitively restored by lead architect WilkinsonEyre to bring the icon back to life while providing contemporary spaces to live, work, shop and enjoy.

Once completed, Battersea Power Station will be one of the most exciting retail and leisure destinations in London, with major international brands such as Ray-Ban, Ralph Lauren, Tommy Hilfiger, The Kooples, Aësop and Calvin Klein opening inside the iconic building. As well as over 100 shops, bars and restaurants, office space and a unique events and leisure offering, including the chimney lift experience, there will be a new six-acre riverfront park that is open to the public.

Residents currently living at Battersea Power Station can enjoy a great mix of cafés, bars, and restaurants where they can sample cuisines from all over the world. This includes modern Indian at Vivek Singh's Cinnamon Kitchen, authentic Italian at Francesco Mazzei's Fiume and delicious Japanese patisseries and bubble tea at the recently opened Kova, the first of the Power Station's retailers to open. A variety of entertainment and fitness venues can also be found beneath the railway arches on Arches Lane, including Battersea Brewery, which has its own microbrewery on site, spin studio Boom Cycle, DNA VR, London's biggest virtual reality arcade, Birdies Crazy Golf, The Cinema in the Arches and The Turbine Theatre.

Battersea Power Station also hosts a variety of cultural events throughout the year with highlights including the Light Festival, Summer Showtime on The Coaling Jetty, London's first open-air cinema and theatre experience and The Winter Village.

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#### About Battersea Power Station:

- Battersea Power Station is one of central London's largest, most visionary and eagerly anticipated new riverside neighbourhoods. The £9bn regeneration project is delivering a vibrant, mixed-use destination offering a community of homes, shops, restaurants, offices, culture and leisure venues, as well as 19 acres of public space, all serviced by an extension to the London Underground Northern Line.
- The Battersea Power Station project covers 42 acres and includes 3.5m sq ft of mixed commercial space, together with 4,239 new homes.
- The successful regeneration of Battersea Power Station is creating 20,000 new jobs, generating long term career opportunities for local residents. A new NHS medical facility is also being built.
- The Grade II\* listed Power Station, the second phase of the development, opens to the public from this September, housing over 100 shops, restaurants and cafes, events venues, a unique chimney lift experience offering 360-degree panoramic views of London's skyline, new office space and 254 new residential apartments. The first residents moved into the Power Station in 2021.
- Circus West Village, the first chapter of the regeneration of Battersea Power Station, is already a thriving riverside destination and home to over 1,800 people. Offering an eclectic mix of independent and design-led bars, restaurants, shops, fitness and wellbeing facilities, a cinema, a theatre and an ongoing events programme, this new neighbourhood welcomes over three million people on average per year.
- The third phase comprises Prospect Place and Battersea Roof Gardens which together form Electric Boulevard, London's newest high street. Prospect Place is the first residential project of globally renowned architectural practice Gehry Partners and Battersea Roof Gardens, designed by Foster + Partners, will house new residences, terraced retail and leisure offerings, and a 164-room art'otel, the brand's first to open in London.
- With the recently opened Zone 1 Battersea Power Station Underground station on the Northern Line Extension, the development is only a 15 minute journey from the West End and the City. It also has its very own Uber Boat by Thames Clippers pier and is a 15 minute journey from Embankment, 20 minutes from Blackfriars, 30 minutes from Putney and 40 minutes from Canary Wharf. Battersea Power Station is easily accessible by bus, bike, car and train too.
- The wider Battersea Power Station development is owned by a consortium of Malaysian investors comprising Sime Darby Property (40%), S P Setia (40%) and The Employees' Provident Fund (20%), with the commercial assets within the Power Station building now being directly owned by Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB) and EPF.
- Management of the development is being undertaken by the British-based Battersea Power Station Development Company.

### **About Gehry Partners, LLP:**

Gehry Partners, LLP is a full service architectural firm with extensive international experience in the design and construction of academic, museum, theater, performance, and commercial projects.

Founded in 1962 and located in Los Angeles, California, Gehry Partners currently has a staff of approximately 150 people. Every project undertaken by Gehry Partners is designed personally and directly by Frank Gehry. All of the broad resources of the firm and the extensive experience of the firm's senior partners and staff are available to assist in the design effort and to carry this effort forward through technical development and construction administration.

At the heart of the firm's approach to design is a method in which the client is brought fully into the design process as a member of the design team, making the design a true collaboration between architect and client. Gehry Partners begins work by conducting extensive meetings with the client, and when necessary with representatives of user groups, with community representatives, and with representatives of city and state governments, in order to determine and develop overall project goals and requirements. Programming options and site planning options are determined, developed and presented for review using both written analyses and physical models that permit clear understanding of all options as depicted within the larger context of the site area. Discussions regarding project schedule, project budget, and requirements for specialty consultants are conducted concurrently and continue as work proceeds.

After programming and site planning issues are resolved, the focus of work shifts to architectural design. The architectural design process is based on extensive physical modeling at multiple scales, in which both the functional and formal aspects of a project are explored in detail. Every possible design option is developed using physical models and presented to the client for review. Actual building materials and large-scale mock-ups are employed to promote detailed understanding of the design among all involved parties. As work proceeds, the physical models developed during the early stages of design become more fully refined and as necessary are documented using the computer program Digital Project, a highly advanced three-dimensional surface modeling program developed by Gehry Technologies for use in the architectural, engineering, and construction industry. Digital Project permits detailed surface area and quantity calculations during the design process, and allows Gehry Partners to provide accurate construction cost calculations and consistent cost control as work proceeds. As the design approaches final development, a thoroughly detailed Digital Project model is produced to serve as the primary source of project information during the bidding. fabrication, and construction stages, rationalizing and permitting close control of the construction process.

At any given time the partnership has as many as 25 projects in various stages of development from design through construction. These projects vary in size from the very large scale Guggenheim Abu Dhabi Museum to projects as small as the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum in Biloxi, Mississippi. We have trained our staff carefully, hiring many architects directly from school and keeping them with us as the core of our design and technical teams.

The work of Gehry Partners has been featured widely in national and international newspapers and magazines, and has been exhibited in major museums throughout the world. Notable projects include Guggenheim Museum Bilbao in Bilbao, Spain; Vitra International Furniture Museum and Factory in Weil am Rhein, Germany; Chiat/Day Office Building in Venice, California; Vila Olimpica Retail and Commercial Complex in Barcelona, Spain; University of Toledo Center for the Visual Arts in Toledo, Ohio; Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum Expansion at the University of Minnesota; Vitra International Headquarters in Basel, Switzerland; EMR Communication and Technology Center in Bad Oeynhausen, Germany; Nationale-Nederlanden Building in Prague; Vontz Center for Molecular Studies at the University of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, Ohio; Der Neue Zollhof, an office complex in Düsseldorf,

Germany; Team Disneyland Administration Building in Anaheim, California; Experience Music Project in Seattle, Washington; DZ Bank Building, a mixed-use building adjacent to the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin, Germany; the Peter B. Lewis Campus of the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio; Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, New York; Maggie's Centre, a cancer patient care center in Dundee, Scotland; Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, California; Stata Center at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts; Jay Pritzker Pavilion and BP Bridge in Millennium Park in Chicago, Illinois; Hotel Margues de Riscal in Elciego, Spain; Transformation Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto, Ontario; Peter B. Lewis Science Library in Princeton, New Jersey; Lou Ruvo Brain Institute in Las Vegas, Nevada; New Campus for New World Symphony in Miami, Florida; Eight Spruce Street Residential Tower in New York City; Opus Hong Kong Residential; Signature Theatre in New York City; House for the Make it Right Foundation in New Orleans, Louisiana; Fondation Louis Vuitton in Paris, France; Biomuseo in Panama; the Dr. Chau Chak Wing Building for the University of Technology, Sydney, Australia; the West Campus for Facebook in Menlo Park, California; the Boulez Hall in Berlin, Germany; the Louis Vuitton flagship store in Seoul. South Korea; the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial in Washington D.C; the Philadelphia Museum of Art in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; the LUMA / Parc des Ateliers in Arles, France, and a new center for the Youth Orchestra Los Angeles (YOLA) in Inglewood. California.

Current projects include the Guggenheim Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates; the King Street Development in Toronto, Ontario; 8150 Sunset in Los Angeles, California; the Ocean Avenue Project in Santa Monica, California; La Maison LVMH – Arts, Talents, Patrimoine in Paris, France; the Los Angeles River revitalization project in Los Angeles, California, and single family residential projects in Atherton, California and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

Projects under construction include Facebook Campus in Menlo Park, California; the Grand Avenue Project in Los Angeles, California; Children's Institute Inc. in Watts, CA; a new headquarters for Warner Brothers in Burbank, CA, and the Battersea Power Station Development in London, England.

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