

**Press release
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Knight Dragon unveils new 1.4 million sq ft project - the first building in the UK to be designed by international architect Santiago Calatrava - at the heart of its transformation of Greenwich Peninsula



Peninsula Place, London (image by Uniform)

Knight Dragon unveils a new £1 billion landmark, designed by international architect and engineer Santiago Calatrava, at the heart of its transformation of Greenwich Peninsula.

This major new landmark is set to transform Greenwich Peninsula, London's emerging cultural district. Residents and visitors to the Peninsula will arrive from the tube into an 80ft high winter garden and glass galleria. The scheme will total 1.4 million sq ft including a new tube and bus station, theatre, cinema and performance venue, bars, shops and a wellbeing hub. Above this will rise three towers of workspaces, apartments and hotels, all connected to the Thames by a stunning new land bridge.

Greenwich Peninsula is London's largest single regeneration project. The £8.4 billion transformation of the Peninsula will over the coming years provide 15,720 new homes in seven new neighbourhoods: home to central London's first major film studio, a new design district, schools,

offices, health services and public spaces, all wrapped by 1.6 miles of River Thames. As the gateway to Greenwich Peninsula, Calatrava's Peninsula Place signals the intent and ambition for this whole new district.

Peninsula Place is part of the Peninsula Central neighbourhood. Sitting next to The O2, this neighbourhood will be home to a variety of residences, including within Peninsula Place by Calatrava and two buildings designed by Greenwich Peninsula's masterplanners Allies & Morrison. Together these will provide 800 new homes, 200 of which will be affordable. These add to the hundreds of new homes that have been built to date by Knight Dragon across three new neighbourhoods, and which people are already calling home.

Santiago Calatrava is the latest architect to be commissioned by Knight Dragon. Chosen for his world-class designs and experience in delivering transport hubs, Calatrava joins a list of other architects including SOM, Marks Barfield, DSDHA, Alison Brooks and Duggan Morris who are also helping make Greenwich Peninsula a world-renowned destination.

Sammy Lee of Knight Dragon said:

"My ambition is for Greenwich Peninsula to be a unique cultural destination for Londoners and visitors to this global city. Calatrava's contribution will help ensure that the UK's biggest regeneration project fulfils its potential to become just that".

Knight Dragon are jointly spearheading the development of Peninsula Place with their partners the Greater London Authority and Transport for London.

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, said: "I am delighted that Santiago Calatrava has chosen London for his first major project in the UK. This shows that London remains open to investment, trade and the very best talent from around the globe.

"This new landmark for London and the growth of this area of London will create a new cultural district for Londoners and visitors from around the world.

"I am also pleased to welcome Knight Dragon's continued investment in Greenwich Peninsula, providing much-needed infrastructure, shops, offices, and new genuinely affordable homes for Londoners."

Santiago Calatrava said:

"It is an honour to be designing such a piece of the fabric of London, a city I love. In designing this scheme, I have been inspired by London's rich architectural heritage and the very special geography of the Peninsula. It will be a project that reflects both this and the ambition of Knight Dragon for Greenwich Peninsula."

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Peninsula Place Design team

Architect and Engineer: **Santiago Calatrava**

Executive Architect: **Adamson Associates**

Architect PP2: **Allies and Morrison**

Structural Engineer of record: **Meinhardt**

MEP Engineer: **AECOM**

Quantity Surveyor: **Alinea**

Hotel Architect: **Reardon Smith**

Hotel Advisors: **Hamiltons**

Office Advisors: **Cushman & Wakefield**

Retail Advisors: **CWM in combination with Anne Hynes Consulting Ltd**

Traffic Engineer: **WSP**

Planning Consultant: **Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners**

Gym Consultants: **RCH**

Legals: **Forsters**

Principle Designer: **Stace**

Urban Realm Designers: **Schulz + Grassov**

Daylight, sunlight, wind: **Urban Microclimate**

Development Agreement Model: **Montagu Evans**

Notes to Editors

Knight Dragon

Knight Dragon is a development company with long-term vision and robust financial backing. It offers a rare combination of scale, vision, stability and expertise, making it uniquely positioned to deliver a distinctive and sustainable new destination at Greenwich Peninsula. Its team balances international scale and resources with expert local knowledge.

Knight Dragon's previous project in London, The Knightsbridge, was voted residential development of the year by Property Week, and set a new standard in premium property available in the capital.

Knight Dragon is owned by Dr Henry Cheng Kar-Shun. Dr Cheng and the wider Cheng family have substantial interests in property and infrastructure in Hong Kong and China. These include the majority interest in one of Asia's leading developers, New World Development, which has a market capitalisation of \$4.6 billion.

Santiago Calatrava

Santiago Calatrava founded his practice in Zurich 1981. Early projects for the firm included the new Zurich-Stadelhofen Train Station in 1983 – a key centre-city node in Zurich's suburban rail network, and the Bach de Roda Bridge in Barcelona in 1984, the first of many bridge projects that have helped establish his international reputation.

The firm now has offices in Zurich, Paris, New York and Dubai and has completed some of the most distinctive, international projects in recent years including 2004 the Athens Olympic Sports Complex, 2005 Turning Torso Tower in Malmö, 2007 Three Bridges in Reggio Emilia, 2008 Quarto Ponte sul Canal Grande in Venice, 2009 the Liège-Guillemins TGV Railway Station, 2012 Calgary's Peace

Bridge, 2013 the Stazione Mediopadana in Reggio Emilia, 2015 Museu do Amanha, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2016 World Trade Centre Transportation hub New York City, USA.

Currently working on projects over three continents, Santiago Calatrava personally directs the design of every project that he undertakes; from the initial sketches through detailing and construction documents. He is directly involved in all decisions that affect the design of his work through to the completion of construction.

Santiago Calatrava will be talking about his work including his project for Greenwich Peninsula at a special “In Conversation with...” to be held at the Design Museum next Thursday 9th February at 7pm.