



The Gowling WLG (left) and Hogan Lovells (right) teams with Sian Huish of Hawksford

REAL ESTATE TEAM OF THE YEAR

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GOWLING WLG/HOGAN LOVELLS

Richard Beckingsale; Nicholas Roberts

ADVISING ON THE REGENERATION OF BRENT CROSS CRICKLEWOOD

These two firms are joint winners for their respective roles advising on the multi-billion regeneration of Brent Cross Cricklewood – one of the largest mixed-use developments in the UK.

Gowling WLG has been advising Barnet Council on the overall development, which spans both sides of the A406, while Hogan Lovells was brought in as development partner on the Brent Cross

South scheme for Argent Related. The overall project includes the redevelopment of a shopping centre, the construction of 7,000 homes and four million square feet of new office space, a new station, and three re-built schools and has required large, cross-disciplined real estate teams from both firms.

Clients were fulsome in their praise. Cath Shaw, interim deputy chief executive of Barnet Council, said Gowling WLG 'really stepped up' on a once-in-career project, while Hogan Lovells' client praised its 'first-class commercial awareness.'

HIGHLY COMMENDED

BERWIN LEIGHTON PAISNER

Chris de Pury

In a strong endorsement of BLP's leading commercial real estate practice, the Crown Estate awarded the firm the sole mandate for its £7bn Central London property portfolio. This comprises eight million square feet of commercial property across Regent Street and includes a £1.5bn investment and redevelopment programme in the area.

MACFARLANES

Ian Nisse

Advised Intu Properties in acquiring the remaining 50% stake in the Merry Hill estate from Queensland Investment Corporation for £410m. This complex deal saw Intu buy out the Intu Merry Hill

shopping centre, two retail parks, office and leisure uses and development land from their joint venture with QIC.

NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT

Duncan Field

Successfully representing London City Airport on the planning appeal and compulsory purchase orders for its £344m expansion project, the City Airport Development Programme. The scheme will deliver a passenger terminal extension, additional aircraft stands and a full-length parallel taxiway over King George V Dock.

REED SMITH

Graham Reid

Advised the joint venture between clients Angelo Gordon and Trinity

Investment Management on the £95m acquisition of Mars Pension Fund's Business Environments for Science and Technology (BEST) – the UK's largest portfolio of privately-owned science parks.

WHITE & CASE

James Dodsworth

Advising Digital Realty, a New York Stock Exchange listed REIT, on one of the most competitive and valuable auctions of a real estate portfolio of 2016 – the £665m data centre portfolio acquisition from Equinix. This was the first divestiture of this real estate asset class directed by the European Commission.



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