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Strictly Steps out in London

TV Star Karen Hardy launches brand new dance studio,
designed by **Curtis Wood Architects**.

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Fans of the hit TV series Strictly Come Dancing will be a step closer to their dreams of tripping the light fantastic, as Karen Hardy, one of the outstanding dancers from the BBC One show, launches her own luxury dance studio in London. Designed by Curtis Wood Architects, the studio has been created in response to an enormous rise in popularity of ballroom dancing since the show launched in 2003.

Commenting on the commission, architect Chloe Young;

'The design brief required two distinct dance teaching spaces which could be flexibly joined to become one large dance studio. There was also the requirement for a luxurious reception space and café/bar in addition to the normal back of house facilities: WCs, storage spaces and staff facilities. The project is particularly challenging as there are just ten weeks available for the construction period. We feel we have found a beautiful, creative response to the brief and are now working closely with the contractor team to bring this exciting project to completion.'

Following its' red carpet celebrity launch party scheduled for December, the studio will open its' doors from January 2009.

Will the Curtis Wood team be lining up to learn the Paso Doble? You'll have to wait and see...

'This isn't just a dance studio,' comments Ms Hardy, 'it's an experience.' 'It's all about luxury, glamour and attention to detail. We want the real experience of dancing to live up to the fantasy magic that you see on shows like Strictly Come Dancing.'

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