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ALCHEMI GROUP APPOINTS AWARD WINNING ARCHITECTS ON GREAT MINSTER NORTH

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Following its £97.5 million acquisition of Great Minster North (GMN), Victoria, SW1 last month, Alchemi Group today announces its appointment of architects Stiff + Trevillion. GMN is currently 180,000 sqft of high quality offices arranged over basement, ground (17,200 sqft of retail) and five upper floors and is let to the Secretary of State for Transport.

Laura Marino, Creative Director & Co-founder of Alchemi Group commented;

"Strong, considered, elegant design and excellent investor returns are key to Alchemi Group's success. These benchmarks lie at the heart of Alchemi Group developments and are our absolute aspiration for Great Minster North. By working with the very best architects we also aim to help to raise the bar and deliver some of the best Central London developments."

Director of Stiff + Trevillion, Mike Stiff said:

"We are delighted to be appointed by Alchemi to work on this project. We really enjoy working with developers committed to design excellence who are motivated by improvements not only to their buildings but the public realm in which they sit."

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Notes to Editors:

1. GMN was a straightforward property purchase and completed on 3rd October 2013 through a company formed for the transaction, GMN No. 2 Limited. Alchemi Group has been appointed as Development Manager for the redevelopment of this prestigious building. The Blackstone Group International Partners LLP provided £65 million of debt finance with the balance being funded by investor equity. Completion of the redevelopment is anticipated in 2018. DE&J Levy acted for the purchaser.
2. 2013 is promising to be a stellar year for Alchemi. In May the Group announced Westminster Council had given the go-ahead for the conversion of the derelict Leinster Hotel on Leinster Square, W2, just weeks after approval was granted on the 54-unit 55 Victoria Street development and within a month of getting the nod on a 20-unit £9m office-to-resi scheme on Westbourne Grove.
3. Laura Marino, co-founder and shareholder, is at the helm of Alchemi Group's design team. Much of the company's success can be attributed to Laura's contribution to delivering high-end design with a unique sense of style. This has enabled the company to outperform competitors and produce benchmark results for its investors. Her strategic approach from conception to delivery is a key asset in the Alchemi Group's overall success.
4. Stiff+Trevillion is a London based architectural practice, reputed for their high quality buildings and interiors and with a fundamental understanding of material volume and light. Recent Awards: The Corner Restaurant won the 'Best Restaurant or Bar in a Retail Space' at this year's (2013) Restaurant Bar Design Awards. Two New London Awards 2013, Best Office Building and Conservation and Retrofit category winner. The practice is among six leading architectural practices shortlisted in the Office category in this year's Architect of the Year Award, organised by bd magazine. Office scheme, 10-4 Pentonville Road has been shortlisted five times in 2013; Worldwide Brick Awards, BCO Awards, RCIS Awards, New London Awards, AJ Retrofit Awards.