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## **Falconer Chester Hall opens Malaysian office**

Falconer Chester Hall announces their first Far East office, in Kuala Lumpur, to coincide with the current trade visit to Malaysia by a UK delegation headed by the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, MP.

Falconer Chester Hall is already active in the country, working with Shapadu Group, a major Malaysian corporation, to design Putrajaya "Precinct 2", a world-class, first of its kind, mixed use development in Putrajaya.

Says Adam Hall, Director:

"It's excellent that the UK Government is organising this trade mission to support UK businesses, especially as Boris Johnson is going to visit Putrajaya during the course of the visit."

Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, said:

"This is a fantastic opportunity for London businesses to explore trade opportunities in Southeast Asia and to expand their networks. I want to encourage even more London companies to benefit from exporting to this dynamic, growing market, building on the strong existing ties with the UK."

Falconer Chester Hall worked for Shapadu Group on their redevelopment of Days Hotel London Waterloo and, as a result of that success, was invited to enter the competition to design Putrajaya "Precinct 2". Winning in the face of robust local competition, Falconer Chester Hall's design for the 500,000sqft development includes an elegant and imposing new corporate headquarters for Shapadu Group, a 300-room 5\* hotel, 145 luxury condominiums and a restaurant and retail quarter. The generous public realm is designed to encourage local people to spend time in Putrajaya centre, helping make it a must visit destination.

Continues Adam, who led the practice's expansion into Asia:

"We're very excited about launching the Falconer Chester Hall office in Malaysia. Initial discussions have been very positive and we're looking forward to working in a market that is so dynamic and responsive to good design."

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**Notes to Editors:**

A hi res image is available.

**Falconer Chester Hall** is an AJ100 architectural practice, with offices in London, Liverpool and Kuala Lumpur. In business since 1997, Falconer Chester Hall has built a global reputation for using creative design intelligence to deliver inspirational buildings that maximise the commercial potential of a site.

Reflecting local themes and materials whilst adding a contemporary feel, Falconer Chester Hall creates thoughtful and sensitive designs that respond to and complement the site and its surroundings. The practice has developed particular expertise in mixed-use developments, hotels and leisure, residential, retail and commercial projects.

**The Mayor of London, Boris Johnson**, is leading the trade mission to Singapore and Malaysia as part of his Export Programme. The Mayor will work alongside a UK Trade and Investment (UKTI) mission taking 26 British small and medium sized businesses to meet potential customers in each country. The Mayor's Export Programme has been set up to help London small and medium sized businesses to export to overseas markets or help businesses that are already trading to make the move into fast growing emerging markets.