

Press Release

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Confidence builds in Trinity Leeds as NEXT signs up

NEXT, one of the UK's largest and leading fashion retailers, has confirmed it will open a 51,000 sq ft store in Trinity Leeds, the retail and leisure development located in the heart of Leeds city centre.

The c1,000,000 sq ft scheme, located on prime pitch within Leeds City Centre will improve the city's core retail offer by bringing together the best of the UK high street, aspiring brands and international retailers, many of whom will be new to the city.

Trinity Leeds will elevate the city centre retail offer with more than 120 retail units which will be complemented by a stylish new casual dining and leisure quarter including the first 'Everyman Cinema' in the North.

Developer Land Securities has received a real vote of confidence from the level of occupier interest in the scheme as retailers and caterers continue to demonstrate firm commitment. Momentum had been building on leasing as retailers such as NEXT and H&M recognise the strong credentials of Leeds as a dominant retail destination with high consumer demand.

Andrew Varley, Group Property Director for Next plc, commented: "We continue to focus on building the NEXT offer and we are delighted to be able to give our customers a new store in Leeds which will feature the latest lines and concepts in a fantastic trading location. The quality of Trinity Leeds design and the aspiring retail line up will give Next an unparalleled environment from which to trade. I am confident that our Trinity Leeds store will be one of our very best in the UK."

Land Securities' Retail Leasing Director, John Grimes, added: "Trinity Leeds is going to offer a vibrant retail destination in circumstances where there will be a limited UK development pipeline.

"We have the potential to create one of the most interesting tenant line ups seen in the UK by mixing the best of the high street with new and upcoming brands and we know that NEXT is an essential retailer within the mix. We are therefore very excited that NEXT has committed to opening a store at Trinity Leeds, which will be their seventh largest in the UK and offer their customers the largest and latest range in fashion and homewares."

"We continue to advance towards our pre-letting threshold and are pleased with the level of interest from both UK and international retailers as they realise the unparalleled opportunity Trinity Leeds offers."

Trinity Leeds will transform the area around Briggate, Commercial Street, Albion Street and Boar Lane

and the scheme incorporates a fully integrated and extensively re-modelled Leeds Shopping Plaza to create a single seamless shopping and leisure environment under a spectacular roof.

Appointed agents for Trinity Leeds are Central Retail, Cushman and Wakefield and Jones Lang LaSalle.

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