

Law firm DAC Beachcroft to move staff to new Bristol offices

International law firm DAC Beachcroft is planning to move its staff in Bristol to new state-of-the-art offices near Temple Meads station. The company, which employs 800 people in the South West, is taking levels six and seven of the Welcome Building – a workspace currently under development in Bristol’s Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone.

The offices – formerly 4 Glass Wharf – are being delivered as a joint venture between EPISO 5, a fund managed by Tristan Capital Partners, and Trammell Crow Company, and are expected to be complete in the second quarter of this year.

DAC Beachcroft is currently located on Portwall Place in the city.

Ben Daniels, Bristol location head at DAC Beachcroft, said: “Providing our colleagues with a high-quality working environment that supports flexible working and collaboration is a priority for us. Welcome Building is ideally located in the centre of Bristol with great travel links and adaptable working spaces. We were also impressed by the building’s excellent sustainability credentials and its emphasis on creating a local community.”

The 207,000 sq ft Welcome Building was designed by Darling Associates Architects and offers the largest available floorplates in the city, ranging from 22,000 sq ft to 30,000 sq ft.

The building will be an all-electric workspace, with solar panels on the roof, and it will target net zero carbon in operation. It will have facilities for cyclists and runners,

and will be connected to the Bristol Heat Network, from which it will extract all of its heat load. The heat is procured from the zero-carbon water source heat pump at Castle Park energy centre.

Toby Pentecost, senior vice president and head of UK offices at Trammell Crow Company, said: “Having recently celebrated the topping out of the site, we are incredibly proud to be able to announce the arrival of DAC Beachcroft. This is a great result underlining the amazing space and amenities Welcome Building has to offer. With sustainability and wellbeing at the very heart of the project, we are in discussions with several other occupiers as we head towards completion.”

James Brodie, managing director, at Tristan Capital Partners, added: “Welcome Building is an exemplar development providing high-quality ESG certified workspace set within a thriving part of Bristol city centre. Companies are continuing the flight to quality seeking premises which combine best-in-class workspace, modern amenities, ESG credentials and a great location, all of which Welcome Building offers.”

Knight Frank and Alder King are leasing agents for Welcome Building.

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