

PRESS RELEASE

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**MITSUBISHI ESTATE COMPANY BUYS RIVER PLATE HOUSE  
Further investment in City of London**

Mitsubishi Estate Company ("MEC"), one of the world's leading property investment and development companies, announces that it has exchanged contracts to acquire **River Plate House**, 7-11 Finsbury Circus, London EC2.

River Plate House is a freehold 205,000 sq ft (18,600 sq m) gross building arranged over 9 floors. The building is let in its entirety to Mizuho Corporate Bank, a subsidiary of Mizuho Financial Group (the 2nd largest financial group in Japan), on a lease which has 6 ½ years remaining. The acquisition will, initially, be internally funded and MEC may redevelop the building at the expiry of the current lease.

Commenting, Christopher Joll, spokesman for MEC in London said:

"River Plate House joins our growing London portfolio, which currently includes the two principal buildings at Paternoster Square, occupied by Goldman Sachs and the London Stock Exchange, and Bow Bells House which will be ready for handover in November of this year. But this is not the end of our interest in the London commercial property market and we are actively looking at acquiring further development opportunities."

Cushman Wakefield acted for MEC and CB Richard Ellis acted for Meiji Yasuda.

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