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Great Ormond Street Hospital marks the start of construction work

Tess Daly and Vernon Kay joined young patients at Great Ormond Street Hospital as they helped to launch the construction of the Premier Inn Clinical Building, an ambitious world-class facility which will form the second part of the Mittal Children's Medical Centre.

The couple, who are patrons for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity, were at the construction site of the new building, being delivered by Skanska, where they met young patients at the breaking ground ceremony last Tuesday (30 September).

The event marked the beginning of works that will see the top four floors of the hospital's outdated Cardiac Wing being demolished and redeveloped. As main contractor, Skanska will design, construct and fit-out the building, to provide 116 beds, a new surgery centre and a post-anaesthesia care unit.

The state-of-the art building, which will open in 2017, will also include a respiratory ward and a 16-bed isolation unit for children with dermatology and rheumatology conditions or infectious diseases. The new facilities will provide much needed space for a parent or carer to stay by their child's bedside overnight, more room for children to play and eat together, and areas for carers to have a break.

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The Premier Inn Clinical Building is the second development in the Mittal Children's Medical Centre and will connect floor by floor with the Morgan Stanley Clinical Building which opened in 2012. Once complete, it is anticipated that the entire hospital will be able to treat up to 20 per cent more children with the most complex, rare and often life-threatening conditions.

Great Ormond Street Hospital Chief Executive Julian Nettel said: "We are incredibly grateful to all our supporters who have made this day possible. Thanks to their generosity, we will be able to fulfil our vision of providing world-class treatment in more comfortable and appropriate facilities suitable for patients and their families. We will also be able to treat more children from across the UK who need our care."

Tess Daly who along with husband Vernon Kay has been a patron for the charity since 2007 said: "It's such an honour to be a part of this event. Hearing the huge difference the modern spacious wards can make to families going through such difficult times shows how important this day is."

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Terry Elphick, Managing Director at Skanska, said: "We are very pleased to be working on this project, which in part was secured due to our 'good neighbour' strategy, where we engage with all stakeholders, including local residents. Our previous experience with flagship healthcare projects, including the UCH Macmillan Cancer Centre, and St Bartholomew and The Royal London Hospitals, means we understand that a collaborative approach delivers the best result for all parties."

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Notes to Editors:

About Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity:

Originally opened in 1852, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust is the country's leading centre for treating sick children with the broadest range of dedicated, children's healthcare specialists under one roof in the UK; with more than 240,000 patient visits a year.

The hospital's pioneering research and treatment gives hope to children who are suffering from the rarest, most complex and often life-threatening conditions, from across the country and abroad.

Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity needs to raise funds to help rebuild and refurbish Great Ormond Street Hospital, provide vital up-to-date equipment and fund research into better treatments for the children. You can help us to provide world class care for our patients and families. For more information visit www.gosh.org

About The Mittal Children's Medical Centre:

The Mittal Children's Medical Centre will comprise two buildings – the Morgan Stanley Clinical Building which opened in 2012 and the Premier Inn Clinical Building which will be completed in 2017. The two buildings will be connected floor by floor, allowing the most effective flow of patients and staff between similar facilities.

The Mittal Children's Medical Centre has a total budget of £321 million, of which £75m is being contributed by the NHS. The remaining amount is being funded through a combination of charitable and private support.

The Morgan Stanley Clinical Building (Phase 2A) was officially opened on 14 June 2012. It houses modern inpatient wards for children with acute and chronic conditions, including state of the art heart and lung, neurosciences and kidney centres. It also contains world class operating theatres, enhanced diagnostic facilities and a new restaurant for the whole site.

It houses many of the services that were previously located in the Southwood Building which opened in 1938.

Premier Inn Clinical Building (Phase 2B) the new Premier Inn Clinical Building, due to open in 2017 will see the top four floors of the hospital's outdated Cardiac Wing demolished and redeveloped. It will include a new surgery centre, a respiratory ward and a 16 bed isolation unit for children with dermatology and rheumatology conditions or infectious diseases. The new facilities will provide much needed space for a parent or carer to stay by the child's bedside overnight, more room for children to play and eat together and areas for parents to have a break.

About Whitbread Hotels and Restaurants:

Whitbread Hotels and Restaurants runs Premier Inn, Beefeater Grill, Brewers Fayre, Table and Taybarns restaurants. They announced Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity as their nominated charity in May 2012. The company has already raised £3 million towards the £7.5 million target.

About Skanska

	Skanska UK	Skanska globally
Employees	5,200	57,000
2013 revenue	£1.216 billion	About £12.85 billion (SEK136.3 billion)
2013 operating income	£41.9 million	About £480 million (SEK5.1 billion)
President and CEO	Mike Putnam	Johan Karlström

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In the UK, Skanska is famous for building iconic structures like 30 St Mary's Axe (the Gherkin), Heron Tower, Barts and The Royal London hospitals and the QEII Bridge. Just as important are our

extensive service-based contracts: upgrading London's gas infrastructure, a wealth of facilities maintenance contracts, long-term street lighting projects, and landscaping for the London 2012 Olympic Park in Stratford.

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By combining our skills and experience in construction and infrastructure development, we have become a UK leader in delivering projects in healthcare, education, defence, transportation and municipal services, delivered through both private and public investment. Specialist in-house teams provide world-class foundations and piling expertise, as well as mechanical and electrical services for buildings and infrastructure.

Operating around the world in selected home markets in Europe, the US and Latin America, Skanska is listed on the Stockholm stock exchange and headquartered in Sweden's capital city.

Our values

Our Code of Conduct and Five Zeros together embody our values and the way we do business:

- zero loss-making projects
- zero accidents
- zero environmental incidents
- zero ethical breaches
- zero defects

Our values-driven approach was publically applauded when Skanska AB was awarded the FT ArcelorMittal Boldness in Business Award for corporate responsibility and environment.

Sustainability

Our forward-looking approach to sustainability is expressed through Our Journey to Deep Green™, where our ultimate aim is for all Skanska projects to have a near-zero impact on the environment. Our role as a leading green developer and contractor was confirmed when our President and CEO, Mike Putnam, was invited to be Co-Chair of the government's Green Construction Board, alongside Business Minister Michael Fallon, in 2012.

Recent project highlights

- An eight-year, £1.6 billion Gas Distribution Strategic Partnership working with Morrison Utility Services to help deliver National Grid's gas mains replacement programme.
- The design, construction, operation and maintenance of the UK's biggest hospital project, the £1 billion redevelopment of St Bartholomew's and The Royal London.
- Construction projects worth about £500 million for the London 2012 Olympic Games, including the wild-flower meadows that became one of the enduring memories of the Games.
- In joint venture, Skanska delivered the £1 billion widening of the M25, one of the world's busiest motorways, ahead of schedule. A £320 million design and construction contract to upgrade further sections of the M25 was awarded to the Skanska Balfour Beatty joint venture at the end of 2012.
- With a value of more than £400 million, seven Crossrail contracts have been secured by a Costain Skanska joint venture since 2010, including the Bond Street and Paddington stations.

Recent awards

- FT ArcelorMittal Boldness in Business Award 2014 for corporate responsibility and environment

- The Prime Minister's Better Public Building Award for University College Hospital (UCH) Macmillan Cancer Centre
- British Construction Industry (BCI) Awards 2012
- Employer of the Year, *Construction News* Awards 2012
- The greenest company in the UK across all industries, *The Sunday Times* Green List 2011
- *Construction News* Sustainable Company of the Year 2014 and Judges' Supreme Award for our exemplary approach to sustainability.

Development areas in the UK

- Infrastructure Development – Skanska UK is at the forefront of delivering public private partnerships – from financing projects, through design and construction, to facilities management.
- Project Development – commercial property development from concept to market.

Skanska UK is backed by the financial strength of Skanska AB in Sweden.