

Skanska to launch Residential Development Business in the UK

Skanska has announced, that as part of its new business plan covering the period up to 2015, which focuses on profitable growth, the company will expand its residential development operations and establish a new business in the UK.

Magnus Andersson, as President, will head up Skanska Residential Development UK. Magnus has worked in Skanska for eleven years, most recently as EVP for the Nordic and CEE countries in Skanska Infrastructure Development.



Magnus Andersson, President
Skanska Residential Development UK

For the past ten years, Skanska has developed a large and successful construction business in the UK. Building on the success of its brand and reputation in the UK, Skanska has now decided that following the financial crisis and the dramatic decline in the housing market an excellent opportunity for entry as a residential developer has been created.

Skanska has been focusing for some time on examining the UK market and preparing land acquisitions. The company plan to begin the first projects in 2011 and the focus will be on developments in the London area and nearby areas within commuting distance.

There is an high-volume, long-term need for high-quality residential properties in the UK, this, coupled with the extensive environmental requirements placed on new homes fit perfectly with Skanska's knowledge and experience and will create great opportunities for the company.

Commenting on the announcement, **Magnus Andersson**, President of Skanska Residential Development UK said, "This is a very exciting time for Skanska, we have a wealth of experience and expertise in this sector through our Nordic operations. Drawing upon this will place us in an excellent position for developing our UK business and delivering sustainable homes in the UK."

"We foresee excellent growth potential in residential development in the coming years. In the Nordic region, our target is to become market leader and in the UK, we now have an excellent opportunity to enter the market," says **Johan Karlström**, Skanska's President and CEO.

As part of its growth plans, in addition to entering the UK residential market, Skanska's goal is to sharply increase the number of residential development projects in their existing markets and to assume the position as the leading residential developer in the Nordic region. Skanska will also establish a new residential development operation in Poland, where the Group has been a leading player in the construction market for many years.

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Notes to Editors:

Skanska increased its presence in the UK at the end of 2000 with the acquisition of Kvaerner Construction. Since this time, we have developed a successful construction business, involved in some of the country's most prestigious major projects in both the Private and Public Sectors. Most recently these have included, 30 St Mary Axe (the Gherkin) in London and Heron Tower - named the tallest new building in the City. We are also responsible for the redevelopment of Barts & The London Hospitals, as well as the M25 Design Build Finance and Operate scheme, which we are undertaking in Joint Venture. Whilst known mainly in the UK for our large high-profile schemes, we also undertake a number of smaller projects including public realm improvements, hard and soft landscaping as well as hundreds of utilities projects each year covering gas, electricity and water.

By combining the skills and experience of our UK construction operations and those of our Infrastructure Development Business Unit, we have become a leader in Private Finance Initiative or Public Private Partnership schemes covering healthcare, education, defence, transportation and street lighting.

Our business model is to integrate our core disciplines to deliver project solutions across our chosen market areas. By integrating all disciplines and working together with our clients, our partners and our supply chain, we make a real difference to the way projects are delivered.

Our focus is on creating sustainable solutions and we aim to be leaders in green construction, health and safety and business ethics. We also recognise that we have a responsibility to the communities in which we work and this is something we take very seriously, working closely with those communities to keep them fully informed regarding the activities on our sites and employing local labour and trade contractors wherever possible.

We work strictly in accordance with the Skanska Code of Conduct and to our five zeros, which reflect our core values: Zero loss-making projects, Zero accidents, Zero environmental incidents, Zero ethical breaches and Zero defects.

Our commitment to contribute to a more sustainable world is resolute. We were recently named the UK's leading Green Contractor in the Sunday Times 2010 Best Green Companies Awards and achieved 2nd place across all industries. We seek to use our position to influence both our clients as well as our supply chain to make more sustainable decisions, taking a longer-term view over the infrastructure we develop. Our ability to demonstrate real responsibility to the people, organisations and environments in which we work attracts the next generation of talent who want to make a real difference.

Backed by the financial strength of our parent, Skanska AB, we focus totally on our customers in the UK, understanding their needs. By continually improving the service we offer and delivering on safety, environment, quality and performance – our clients see us as the first choice of partner.

In the UK, we employ approximately 5,000 staff and undertake around £1.5 billion worth of work each year. We carry out all aspects of the construction, development and infrastructure process - from financing projects, through design and construction right through to facilities management, operation and maintenance.

Skanska is one of the world's leading project development and construction groups with expertise in construction, development of commercial and residential projects and public-private partnerships. The Group currently has 55,000 employees in selected home markets in Europe, in the US and Latin America. Headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden and listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange, Skanska's sales in 2009 totalled £11.4 billion.