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### Colton Square welcomes second occupier as law firm Freeth Cartwright LLP takes top floor

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**The £1.8 billion Arlington Business Parks Partnership fund (ABPP), which is managed by international property group Goodman, has announced the arrival of a second professional services company at Colton Square. Freeth Cartwright LLP, one of the UK's leading regional law firms, will be relocating their current Leicester office to Colton Square, where they will take up 10,379 sq ft of office space.**

Freeth Cartwright LLP, which has a strong client base both regionally and nationally, with offices located across the UK in Nottingham, Derby, Manchester and Birmingham, will be occupying the top floor of One Colton Square. The agreement sees the law firm taking space at £16.50 per sq ft – the same headline rent for Leicester which was agreed with Colton Square's first occupier, Cooper Parry. Independent business adviser Cooper Parry arrived at One Colton Square soon after its completion in May, taking up 9,000 sq ft of space.

James Pitt, Regional Development Director for Goodman, commented: "We are delighted that another successful company is joining Colton Square. Working closely with Leicester Regeneration Company and the East Midlands Development Agency, we have been able to create modern office space that is already a superb location for business activity. We hope that the scheme continues to welcome new occupiers, from both inside and outside of Leicester. This highlights that the city centre is quickly evolving as a dynamic business location."

Peter Smith, Chief Executive of Freeth Cartwright LLP commented: "We have experienced sustained high-growth since opening in Leicester nine years ago, and our robust business plan foresees future expansion. Therefore, we have delighted to be able to announce our move to Colton Square so that our ambitions can be realised. We felt that, as a leading regional law firm, Colton Square offers an address that befits our standing in the business community and a development that will be at the heart of the new Business Quarter."

Colton Square - which will eventually help create up to 4,000 jobs in the New Business Quarter - is the first Grade A speculative office development to take place in Leicester in more than a decade. Developed in two phases totalling 108,000 sq ft, it provides high class office space in the heart of Leicester. Work began on the second phase last spring, and it is set to add 52,577 sq ft of offices along with 3,591 sq ft for potential restaurant or leisure space. The scheme also incorporates a residential phase, built by Goodman's development partner City and Thames, and comprises forty apartments. All three phases are part of the masterplan to create a New Business Quarter and transform Leicester's city centre.

The agreement has been signed on behalf of Goodman's £1.8 billion Arlington Business Parks Partnership, which owns 23 other assets across the UK. Jointly managed alongside Legal and General, it is one of the largest specialist funds in the UK.

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The ABPP is a UK business park fund created in 2003 by Arlington Securities Limited and investment partner Legal and General. Goodman and L&G manage the fund. ABPP owns a unique portfolio of high quality business parks in a managed environment spread across the UK. It has a gross asset value of over £1.8 billion.

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