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# SECRET GARDEN UNVEILED AT KAMPUS NEIGHBOURHOOD

The recently completed secret garden at KAMPUS has been revealed in new images. The jungle like garden sits at the heart of the new £250m neighbourhood being developed by CAPITAL&CENTRIC and HBD.

Located in the centre of Manchester near Canal Street, the garden neighbourhood will provide a new oasis which will be open to everyone to enjoy from next year. With lush greenery and towering trees the garden will bring a new green hangout space to the city.

Ahead of residents and occupiers arriving in Spring 2020, the garden is open to the public for the next few weeks as KAMPUS hosts a temporary 'alternative' Christmas market. Visitors to STALL, by Manchester's legendary independent street food festival GRUB, will be able to get a first look of the new neighbourhood and experience the garden first-hand.

Sat alongside the Rochdale Canal the garden is surrounded by twenty commercial spaces, which will be filled with independent bars, restaurants, cafes and shops, and over 500 apartments. Designed by Exterior Architecture the garden features many tropical looking palms, ferns and trees with over 30 species.

### Adam Higgins, co-founder at CAPITAL&CENTRIC said:

"If you live in a city centre apartment you don't often have the luxury of a garden. KAMPUS will change that becoming Manchester's first garden neighbourhood. It's hidden away at the centre of KAMPUS so you almost stumble across it, but the garden will be there for anyone to use whether you live there or not.

"We're not talking about a bit of uninspiring grass that'll just end up looking tired and drab. We've got tree ferns and palms, so it's got a tropical feel. I can't think of anywhere else like it in the city centre. Even though it's winter we've chosen plants and trees that are lush and green – just imagine how awesome it's going to look next summer in full bloom!"

The garden is just one of many outside spaces at KAMPUS with a south facing square off Chorlton Street and Little David Street, a cobbled street closed off for decades which will be restored as a cafe-lined alley, with outdoor seating.

Located on Aytoun Street, KAMPUS is transforming the former Manchester Metropolitan University site into 533 apartments in two new blocks, two listed Victorian warehouses and the existing brutalist 60s tower. The project is due to complete in 2020, with the first residents due to arrive in Spring.

STALL runs every Friday, Saturday and Sunday until 22<sup>nd</sup> December at KAMPUS on Aytoun Street, Manchester. The event is free entry, no tickets are needed and everyone, including families and dogs, are welcome. For more info visit the facebook page <a href="here">here</a> or <a href="here">www.kampus-mcr.co.uk</a>

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#### **About KAMPUS**

KAMPUS is one of Manchester's largest regeneration projects currently on site.

LOCATION: Site bordered by Aytoun Street, Chorlton Street, Canal Street and Minshull Street

SIZE: approximately 323,000 sqft residential, 40,000 sqft commercial

**INVESTMENT:** £250 million project

**APARTMENTS:** 533 loft and new build apartments

LEISURE: Independent shops, bars, restaurants, cafes and commercial space

**HERITAGE:** Grade II listed Minto & Turner and Minshull House warehouses, canal-shipping buildings

constructed in the 1860s. Brutalist 60s tower block, former campus building for Manchester

Metropolitan University.

**TIMELINE:** First homes and units due to open in Spring 2020.

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With a commercial development pipeline of over £1.6bn, its portfolio includes everything from bigbrand retail, office spaces and logistics, through to residential innovation and award-winning heritage projects - no two developments are the same.

From the £333m P&J Live Arena in Aberdeen, its £250m Kampus development, Manchester's newest neighbourhood, through to the vast 370-acre International Advanced Manufacturing Park in the North East, HBD creates places with purpose.

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It spends on average £2 million a week on regeneration.

Projects include: LONDON WAREHOUSE (co living and co working in Manchester), CRUSADER (a Grade II listed mill conversion sold to owner occupiers in Manchester), KAMPUS (a large mixed-use scheme within Manchester City Centre in partnership with Henry Boot Developments), TALBOT MILL (restoration of two mill buildings) and LITTLEWOODS FILM STUDIOS (a film and television hub at the iconic former Littlewoods building in Liverpool). Recently completed projects include TEMPEST (Liverpool City Centre), BUNKER (Liverpool) and FOUNDRY (MediaCity).

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