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Woods Bagot premieres the projects that have seen it triple in size in 12 months

Woods Bagot, the global design practice, will reveal ten world class projects located in seven different countries at this year's MIPIM, proudly demonstrating the work that has fired its rapid growth.

These industry-leading projects will be divided across three sectors – **Lifestyle, Workplace** and **Education**. They demonstrate the growth of a practice that has expanded from 350 to over 700 in just six years and become a world-renowned force in the international design sector.

Woods Bagot is now the largest design practice in the Middle East and, globally, the firm is responsible for over £1.7billion of projects, currently under construction, from its offices in UK, Beijing, Hong Kong, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Kuwait and Australia.

Captivating designs from the Lifestyle division - including detailed plans for resorts in Cyprus, Belize and Mauritius - will be unveiled on Tuesday. These resorts feature some of the most progressive and environmentally sensitive designs of their kind including:

They include designs for hotels, and luxury villas alongside key leisure facilities such as an 18 hole golf course at the Minthis Hills development in Cyprus, and Cesaria Resort, Cape Verde's 3200 acre site, 4 distinct valleys, 5 hotels, restaurants, bars, residential for the Profile Group and Placencia Resort, Belize, 5 star+ eco resort, 40 hotel bungalows, 100 freehold dwellings, luxury spa & health club for Plexar Capital.

The second day will focus on workplace design, when Woods Bagot will showcase two more sector-leading projects:

- The new Business Courts for the Royal Courts of Justice in **The Rolls Building, Fetter Lane in the City of London**. A project that will provide world-leading technology within an exciting contemporary design which has received an "Excellent" rating from BREEAM.

- The new headquarters for global offshore law firm **Walkers**, in the Cayman Islands. The structure will offer innovative, environmentally friendly features that can withstand the hurricane threats prevalent in the Caribbean and evolve perception of the construction sector in the region.

Woods Bagot plans to finish MIPIM 2008 with plans for two of the tallest residential towers in Europe, alongside two very different educational buildings in the Middle East:

- **Piccadilly Tower, Manchester** is currently the tallest residential building in Europe to have received detailed planning consent, as a 60-level, 188-metre complex.
- The second impressive tall tower design is located in the centre of the 2008 European City of Culture, Liverpool. **Liverpool Central Village** is planned to be two adjacent towers, 20 and 25 storeys high, which will incorporate a four star hotel and 440 apartments as well as leisure and retail facilities.
- **The College of the North Atlantic in Qatar** is a pioneering project that segues traditional Islamic culture with a modern infrastructure to produce a centre of academic excellence and a new landmark for Qatari culture.
- The second university complex designed by Woods Bagot is a stunning new **Science and Technology Park (QSTP)**, located on the outskirts of Doha, Qatar. It has been commissioned by the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF). The sun-drenched site will incorporate a new university, hotel and convention centre as well as the STP.

Stephan C Reinke, Woods Bagot's Managing Director for Europe, comments: "Woods Bagot's dynamic growth is being driven by the best global design team in the sector. Our ability to translate global architectural research into iconic, contextually-relevant designs for regional clients is at the root of our success. This year at MIPIM, we are presenting more projects than ever before and I am very proud of Woods Bagot's progress in the six years since it joined the European market."

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About Woods Bagot

International design practice Woods Bagot provides its clients with innovative design solutions that are both functional and inspiring. This is demonstrated by the successful delivery of a range of high profile projects within the commercial workplace, hospitality, mixed-use, education and science sectors.

Established in 2001, Woods Bagot's London studio now has a dynamic team of over 100. Since its inception, its young, integrated team has developed a diverse portfolio of significant projects including:

Piccadilly Tower, Manchester
Liverpool Central Village
Minthis Hills Resort, Cyprus
ANZ London
Rolls building, London
Walkers Cayman Islands