



1 BROADGATE WINS CITY BUILDING OF THE YEAR 2026

Judges praise pioneering material reuse, 72-colour façade and contribution to Broadgate's transformation into a seven-day destination



London, 16 July 2026: British Land and GIC's pandemic-era bet on a new generation of City offices has won the City Building of the Year award.

1 Broadgate, the 14-storey office and retail development just outside Liverpool Street station, was selected by the Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects ahead of seven other shortlisted buildings.

Designed by Allford Hall Monaghan Morris for the joint venture development between British Land and GIC, it was praised for combining commercial scale with environmental innovation, new public routes, retail and an unusually colourful identity.

The award validates one of the City's most significant pandemic-era development decisions. British Land and GIC pressed ahead with 1 Broadgate in spring 2021, when empty offices and predictions of permanent remote working had raised fundamental questions over the future of central London workplaces.



Simon Carter, who had become British Land's Chief Executive in November 2020, led the company through that decision. Global property consultancy JLL agreed to take 134,000 sq ft on a 15-year lease for its new UK flagship office, giving the scheme a major anchor tenant.

The building completed on schedule in July 2025 with 96% of its offices pre-let to JLL and global law firm A&O Shearman. Its remaining office space has since gone under offer. A £450 million five-year green loan was secured shortly after completion.

Chris Bicknell, Master of the Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects, who make the award, said:

"When 1 Broadgate commenced in 2021, the City was quiet and there was intense debate about whether people would return to offices. But British Land and AHMM pushed ahead boldly to deliver one of London's very best office schemes that bring people together throughout the week. The approach to material passports is truly innovative. This award shows that successful office schemes must offer more than workspace. They must add to the life and resilience of the city around them."

Broadgate was 99% occupied at 31 March 2026, while its valuation increased by 4.2% over the year, driven by 9.2% growth in estimated rental values. Broadgate Central, spanning 1 Broadgate and 100 Liverpool Street, is 93% let or under offer.

Although only 14 storeys, the judges described 1 Broadgate as a "groundscraper". It provides 545,000 sq ft of workspace and roof terraces, alongside 48,000 sq ft of shops, restaurants and leisure space. New pedestrian routes connect Liverpool Street station with Finsbury Avenue Square, creating what the judges called a new front door to Broadgate rather than another self-contained corporate headquarters.

Its façade uses 72 combinations of red, orange and gold, helping to soften the building's scale. Together with its retail and public realm, the design supports the ambition to turn Broadgate from a Monday-to-Friday office estate into a seven-day London destination.



The judging panel also highlighted what may be the first large-scale use of digital materials passports in the UK. Individual components are tagged and recorded so they can be maintained and eventually reused rather than discarded.

Materials recovered from the previous building included 140 tonnes of structural steel, nearly 32,000 raised-access floor tiles, 200 tonnes of granite and 3,500 carpet tiles. These were reused on site or redeployed elsewhere.

A High Commendation was awarded to Stonecutter Court, designed by TP Bennett. A Commendation went to the Mercers' Archive Building, designed by Sonnemann Toon.

The awards were presented at [the Architects' Company's summer dinner at Vintners' Hall](#) on Wednesday 15 July.

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Notes to editors

Client: British Land and GIC

Architect: Allford Hall Monaghan Morris

Main contractor: Sir Robert McAlpine



Structural engineer: AKT II

Project manager: Gardiner & Theobald

Broadgate performance figures are taken from British Land's Annual Report and Accounts 2026.