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Bristol Student Housing Development Reaches Construction Milestone

The construction of Harbour Court reached an exciting milestone this week with the last tile being laid at a topping out ceremony to mark the occasion.

Scheduled to open in September, the building will be a welcome addition to student accommodation provision in the city.

Attended by members of the Victus Board, with Kerry - Anne Marias laying the final brick, the ceremony marked the end of a 16 month development.

Harbour Court is being developed in partnership with the University of the West of England and is managed by Prime Student Living, part of the Crosslane group of companies. Bristol-based firm, Midas Construction were contracted to develop the site which will provide accommodation for 133 students.

Founded in 2007, Crosslane now employs a team of more than 140 specialists across the property and financial services markets.

Crosslane's co-founder, James Metcalf, commented: "The Universities in Bristol were able to expand their new student cohort last year despite a backdrop of rising student fees; demonstrating that demand for the right kind of accommodation is rising.

"For investors, this means there are many high-yielding opportunities in student accommodation, both in the UK and across mainland Europe. By developing student accommodation in desirable locations, like Bristol, to an excellent standard, we are able to ensure our investment delivers strong returns."

Jon Stewart, Director at Buile, the specialist developer of Harbour Court commented: "The topping out ceremony marks a fantastic achievement for the team and is testament to the real collaboration from all parties involved."

"Harbour Court offers 87 en-suite rooms and 46 contemporary studios appointed to a superior quality, ranging from 14m² to 26m²."

Chris Abbot from the University of the West of England commented: "The continued investment into new sites and the regeneration of existing buildings in the city means we're not only able to meet the demand of increasing student numbers, but we're also able to offer them the best accommodation around."

Derek Quinn, Executive Director at Midas Construction, said: "As a local company, we are delighted to be supporting Crosslane with this market-leading student development in Bristol. Harbour Court will provide fantastic, state of the art accommodation for students studying in the city." Located close to the waterfront of Bristol Harbour and within easy walking distance to Bristol's many shops and restaurants, Harbour Court is an ideal location for student living.

Harbour Court is under a lease agreement with the University of the West of England.