

CABINET SECRETARY DEREK MACKAY OFFICIALLY OPENS TAYFORTH PROPERTIES' WATER'S EDGE



Water's Edge, the new Grade A commercial office development at Dundee's waterfront by Tayforth Properties, was today (26 June 2019) officially opened by Derek Mackay, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work.

Alongside the Cabinet Secretary and Tayforth Properties' co-owners Chris van der Kuyl and Paddy Burns, a host of local businesses and dignitaries gathered to celebrate its official opening, including John Alexander, Leader of Dundee City Council, Allan Watt, Dundee Waterfront Project Co-ordinator and Councillor Alan Ross, Dundee's Convener of City Development.

Originally one of Dundee's transit sheds known as "Shed 25", Water's Edge is a completely reimagined approach to leased office space. The vision of the co-owners, Scottish tech entrepreneurs Chris van der Kuyl and Paddy Burns, is for Water's Edge to be a place to inspire, connect and energise 21st Century business innovators, entrepreneurs and freelancers. Now a thriving place of work, with only two units remaining, Water's Edge is home to a wide variety of tenants, from sectors including games, renewables and social enterprises.

During his visit, Mr Mackay undertook a tour of the building and visited the offices of games companies 4J Studios and Puny Astronaut, as well as start-up insurtech company Broker Insights and energy group Scottish Power Digital Studio.

Architects Nicoll Russell Studios and construction firm Lyon Building Services have been instrumental in bringing the Water's Edge vision to life. Meanwhile the Water's Edge team has been working closely with Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design at Dundee University to offer two students the opportunity to have their sculptures displayed on the internal street at Water's Edge, a collaborative and dynamic communal space running through the heart of the building.

Economy Secretary, Derek Mackay said: "I am delighted to officially open Water's Edge. This development truly embodies the spirit of the Waterfront Regeneration and is just one of the many reasons why Dundee will continue to thrive as a place to work, live, invest, study and visit. The city's entrepreneurial and creative spirit can be seen in the thriving games industry, and explored at the V&A Dundee.

"The Scottish Government has supported the wider Waterfront Development over the past 12 years and continues to show support for the region through the Tay Cities Deal, by investing up to £150 million in the Deal over ten to fifteen years."

Stewart Clark, Managing Director of Tayforth Properties, commented: "We are delighted to officially open Water's Edge. It's been a fantastic journey seeing this building transformed from a derelict transit shed into an inspiring workspace, just brimming with life and creative energy. It is a testament to the professionalism of the whole team, from the vision of architects Nicoll Russell Studios, to seeing the dream become a reality through Lyon Building Services. We wanted to create a dynamic space where people would feel more productive and collaborate with fellow tenants. Given the building is now almost full, we know that our tenants have bought into this vision too and thoroughly enjoy the environment in which they work."

Water's Edge is situated between Camperdown Dock and Victoria Dock at Dundee's City Quay in Dundee's Maritime Quarter. Businesses who are interested in finding out more about Water's Edge should visit www.watersedgedundee.co.uk

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Notes to editors

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