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# Welcome

... to Aspen, an elegant 502 apartment tower at Consort Place that sets a new standard for contemporary living. This newsletter reveals more about this extraordinary building, its design and the outstanding lifestyle it offers.

Two words used repeatedly through this newsletter perfectly sum up the Aspen lifestyle: 'vibrant' and 'community'. Yes, the views are superb, the quality of the build and the design are exemplary and the range of facilities are arguably among the best in London. Most notable of all is the active, sociable life it offers, whether that's over a cocktail on the 63rd floor at Aspen Paramount or working out on court at Padium, Canary Wharf's world-class Padel centre.

While Consort Place and Aspen are undoubtedly the 'new kids on the block', they also deliver an evocative link to the past, another recurrent theme in this newsletter. Theatreship, the world's largest floating arts centre housed in a 111-year old restored ship is a reminder of the vessels that would once have filled these docks. HBA Residential, the design studio responsible for the interiors throughout Aspen, explain how the maritime history embedded in this area has informed every aspect of their work. Meanwhile Spencer Peacock, the man with overall responsibility for the smooth operation of life at Aspen and Consort Place, highlights our 160-year old pub The North Pole: in his words, "a real old London boozer".

Whether you come for the historic legacy or the contemporary lifestyle, we believe you'll soon find your place at Aspen. Please get in touch, we'd love to show you around.

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ASPEN TIME LIVING AT ASPEN



ASPEN IS THE CENTREPIECE OF CONSORT PLACE, THE EXCITING AND VIBRANT NEXT-GENERATION DESTINATION AT CANARY WHARF, COMPLETE WITH RESTAURANTS, CAFÉS AND AN INTERNATIONAL DORSETT HOTEL.

SPENCER PEACOCK, THE GENERAL MANAGER OF CONSORT PLACE, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SMOOTH DAY TO DAY OPERATION OF ALL THESE MANY MOVING PARTS. HERE, HE EXPLAINS HIS ROLE AT ASPEN AND THE EXCLUSIVE LIFESTYLE THAT THIS REMARKABLE NEW BUILDING OFFERS FOR RESIDENTS.

#### Tell us about your role at Aspen

I took up my role in January 2024 and saw the first residents move into Aspen five months later. Watching the progress of Aspen's build has been so exciting, even in just the short time since I arrived. My role is the overall responsibility for ensuring Aspen and Consort Place operate smoothly for all the residents. That includes overseeing the staff, the operation of the many services and all compliance and regulatory issues.

My operations manager Suzi and I work closely with all the stakeholders at Consort Place, including those in charge of the retail units, the education facility and the Dorsett Hotel.

#### How does Aspen fit into Canary Wharf?

Aspen is an iconic building, one destined to be a true landmark with a unique presence in Canary Wharf, not least because of its impressive height. It has a great variety of spaces and the extraordinarily rare attribute of having a high-end hotel attached to it.

There is so much going on in a relatively compact space, with cafés and restaurants, green outdoor space that has been thoughtfully landscaped and, as a counterpoint to all the modern facilities, a traditional 160-year old pub. The North Pole, a real old London boozer, has been artfully refurbished but with its original character and charm preserved. Canary Wharf is a wonderful mix of old and new, a truly inclusive place and Aspen mirrors that.

Once considered a mere financial centre that shut at 6pm, today visitors will see that this is very much no longer the case.

#### Outline the lifestyle Aspen will provide

The vision for Aspen is to create a vibrant, inclusive community centred around great events: movie nights, wine tasting and cookery demonstrations, themed seasonal events around Wimbledon or Christmas for example, opportunities to get involved and meet people. With 502 apartments, Aspen

is a small town in the sky, and the variety of spaces and the options they provide for residents are exemplary.

All the amenities sit under The Aspen Club, taking in a screening room, a private dining room and winter gardens, many with direct access to roof terraces. There are dedicated indoor and outdoor areas for children, a games room for families located on the 1st floor, co-working spaces with flexible meeting rooms, and a wellness centre on the 21st floor featuring a gym, steam room, sauna and vitality pool on the 22nd. From there, the views are wonderful. Imagine working out while looking across to the Shard and Tower Bridge. Most striking of all is Aspen Paramount, a double height Sky Bar and terrace on the 63rd floor reserved for residents and their guests, where the exceptional 180 degree views over London extend all the way to Greenwich.

#### What will the concierge service offer?

We have a team working around the clock whose role is to help residents with their daily life. They will deal with deliveries and hold homeowners' keys to let in authorised housekeepers and dog walkers, for example.

They can also liaise with the amenity hosts within the Aspen Club who help to reserve working spaces or the private dining rooms. The service is a huge benefit for our residents, providing peace of mind through the security it offers and a welcoming face at the start and end of the day, a constant presence that emphasises the importance of community within Aspen. For those residents who do not have Aspen as their main home or who are often away on business, this adds up to a vital benefit.

### What are the benefits of having Dorsett Hotel as a neighbour?

For many residents, the rare attraction of the hotel next door is paramount. Aspen's residents cover a real mix of ages and nationalities, from early 20s up to 70s plus, international students to retired couples, and many expect to have family and friends visiting. Having the 231-room luxury hotel next door means there will always be somewhere super-convenient for them to stay. Additionally, we hope to work closely with Dorsett Hotel as our preferred partner so that their hospitality team can provide services to our residents, tailored menus for private dining for example.

#### What is your favourite aspect of Aspen?

Throughout my time here, as I have watched construction at Aspen, the quality of the build, the wonderful spaces and the finishes have all been so impressive. Aspen Paramount on the 63rd floor has a real WOW factor and even in construction, the double height space is spectacular. It takes less than one minute in the lift from reception to get up there – exciting in itself - and once there, you'll see it is so much more than just a bar with a mix of open and private seating areas.

Overall, I think what will be most special will be seeing residents enjoying the spaces, working and relaxing, meeting new friends and coming together as a vibrant community whether that's over a cocktail, watching a sports match or at a large, organised event. It's rare to find a home that offers perfect convenience and an ideal lifestyle, but Aspen, with so much variety on offer, truly does.



SPENCER PEACOCK
General Manager of
Consort Place and Aspen

INTERIOR DESIGN

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At the heart of the best design is an obsessive commitment to detail

SHE IS CONFIDENT THAT ASPEN
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Ask Patrycja which area of Aspen makes her heart sing the most and she finds it almost impossible to commit. She's confident that Aspen Paramount on the 63rd floor will be supremely successful with residents for its sense of drama, a result not only of it's wonderful views over London but also of the furnishings and bold colours, saturated cobalt and indigo blues contrasted with accents of deep copper and red.

"I am very proud to have contributed to the business suite and the wellness area, and also the Kids Club area and the Games Room for older children," she says. "I really cannot choose one specific location because I have enjoyed designing them all. To work across such an incredible variety of facilities and amenities within one building is rare and a real privilege."

Patrycja is a graduate of Edinburgh College of Art and in her 14 year career has designed private family offices, university buildings, private hospitals and more recently ultra-luxurious residences, from Arabian palaces to substantial homes in prime locations around London. Working on Aspen bridged both these areas of her expertise.

"At Aspen we were designing private highend apartments complete with contemporary bathrooms and kitchens, with the challenge of making them stand apart from other developments in the area. At the same time, we worked on superb amenities and public spaces," she says. "It was a wonderful challenge, taking in both the outstanding building and the dynamic location."

Patrycja first visited Canary Wharf 14 years ago when friends lived there and recalls how quiet it was at the weekend. How the area has developed is inspirational she says: "I have worked at Canary Wharf for the past six years and to see it transformed into the vibrant neighbourhood it is today, with such energy and life, is indeed exciting. I am very proud to have contributed to its development through this work at Aspen."

Putting the style stamp on Aspen was the responsibility of high-end design house HBA Residential, whose portfolio of exquisitely important features in the legendary story of West India Docks will inform the Design of Aspen.

The multi-layered textures and tactile materials Patrycja used, warm timbers in the residential lobby on arrival, for example, are evocative of exotic locations, whilst an understated nautical theme calls to mind the area's close links to trade and voyages by sea. Eye-catching joinery merged with metal screens and woven, rope-like, flourishes in the wine tasting room are typical of the links to past and present, a reference to history reinterpreted in a thoroughly contemporary way.

"We also looked at the warehouses that stored the goods brought from overseas and referenced them in black steel and glass, and we considered the architectural features and shapes of Aspen itself, its curves and triangles," says Patrycja. "Behind the reception desk, we placed a 3D tactile tile which in part replicates the building and provides a pleasing thread of continuity for residents."

In homage to the building's name, Aspen trees are represented too. Aspen wood is used in the sauna while metal lattices cleverly resemble tree trunks on the 21st floor. In the Winter Gardens, a backlit stretch ceiling forms a tree canopy, bringing the outside in and creating pleasing intimacy.

Show appartment interior by Dahaya Alelier

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ASPEN TIME INTERIOR DESIGN

The vibrancy of Canary Wharf is perfectly reflected in Aspen's new show apartment 18.08. Step through the front door and the rich textures and bold colours reflect the energy of the active and aspirational residents who will live there.

The show apartment is the work of design agency Dapa Atelier who took their inspiration from the exclusivity of Aspen's location within Consort Place. The sweep of the River Thames and its reflective tones as it flows through Canary Wharf are imaginatively represented in smoky blues and dusky shades, while earthy colours, pewter, copper and rose, pay homage to the tree that gives the building its name, a tree that in ancient mythology symbolised protection.

In the light and airy open plan living and dining area, bespoke joinery with elegant shades of dark wenge contrast with flashes of vivid red on the shelving. Bold blue wallpaper provides continuity between the living spaces while rich textures of velvet upholstery and curtains combine opulence with comfort and homeliness. The contemporary furniture, boldly coloured and solid, is an ideal foil for the apartment's architectural integrity.

Apartment 18.08 has two bedrooms. The principal bedroom has a geometric azure blue velvet wallpaper from luxury brand Arte, its warm hues adding depth and vibrancy, while the second bedroom is fresh and light, ensuring the chief focus is on the city view outside.

The final flourish is the artwork, a unique collection that includes works sourced from local artisans and craftsmen and women. The carefully curated mix of ceramics and accessories emphasises the fresh, sophisticated and ever-youthful design of the entire show apartment.



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The principal rooms in each apartment pay homage to the truly spectacular views, whether of the City of London, Greenwich or Canary Wharf itself.

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ASPEN TIME GO BOAT



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A BOAT TRIP WHILE ON HOLIDAY IN COPENHAGEN WAS
THE INSPIRATION BEHIND THE COMPANY, FOUNDED
BY FRIENDS AND FORMER WORK COLLEAGUES
JULIAN WOOTTON AND GRANT SWEENEY



How's this idea for a fun few hours afloat? Captain your own vessel around Canary Wharf and entertain family and friends – all ages are welcome with no boating licence required – aboard GoBoat. It's all part of the service from Canary Wharf's self-drive boat hire company



A boat trip while on holiday in Copenhagen was the inspiration behind the company, founded by friends and former work colleagues Julian Wootton and Grant Sweeney. They gave up their management consultancy careers and launched the company in 2017, starting out with four boats based at Merchant Square in Paddington before expanding to their current fleet of 57 boats with Canary Wharf as one of four London locations.

It's a wonderful way to travel, providing a different perspective on Canary Wharf's impressive architecture. Choose the length of your hire – one, two or three hours are on offer – then set out from the berths at Wood Wharf for a waterborne tour of the estate. Head out on the North Route, navigate through the narrow stretch of Bellmouth Passage and then pass the special markers to reach Adams Place Bridge. From there, execute a perfect U-turn and head back

towards Blackwall Basin. Or take the South Route, mixing in with paddleboarders and sailors from the sailing club, to find designated picnic sites to moor up. Along both routes, no stopping areas, picnic areas and quiet zones are all clearly marked while yellow buoys warn of shallow water where there is a risk of running aground.

A key part of the adventure is the opportunity to captain the boat, available to anyone aged 18 or over. After a safety briefing and driving handover from the experienced crew, off you go with a map for guidance and the comfort of knowing that the GoBoat support boat is always close at hand.

Operating the GoBoat is a cinch with one tiller controlling both the speed and direction. The maximum speed is a sedate 3.5 knots, around 4 mph, allowing everyone to enjoy a relaxed ride and the great views.

The boats run on electric motors and are blissfully quiet, allowing conversations to flow, while their environmental credentials are equally sound. The company buys only green electricity, and boats are made from reusable plastic or, for newer models, from basalt materials.

Up to 8 passengers are allowed onboard and all ages are welcome with life jackets provided for new-borns through to adults. Passengers' dogs often join in the adventure too. This multi-generational appeal makes GoBoat expeditions especially popular with families, children to grandparents, and they're an after-hours hit with work colleagues and for birthday celebrations. Passengers – up to 550 a day at peak times – often choose to decorate the boats themselves, adding balloons, bunting, a jaunty tablecloth and a picnic.

There's no need to bring your own treats either. Enjoy the luxury of GoBoat's Butler Boat Service, turning the experience into a five-star yachting one with drinks and snacks delivered directly to you on the water.

Perhaps an expresso cocktail is in order, beer and crisps or splash out on a bottle of Prosecco or Moët & Chandon Champagne. Scan the QR code on the central picnic table and 15 minutes later your order arrives, all part of the GoBoat service.

Additionally, GoBoat has a partnership with Gallio Restaurant in Canary Wharf, offering a choice of their Mediterraneaninspired dishes. Pre-order your choice at least 24-hours in advance and it will be ready to collect from the GoBoat kiosk in Churchill Place on arrival.

Ready to go? GoBoat is waiting for you.

GoBoat at Canary Wharf is open daily from 9am until sunset with prices starting from £65. To book online go to goboat.co.uk/canary-wharf



THEATRESHIP & PADIUM ASPEN TIME



SIMPLY ONE OF LONDON'S MOST UNUSUAL AND COMPELLING EXPERIENCES. A FLOATING CINEMA WITH A BRILLIANTLY INTELLIGENT PROGRAMME. A MUST FOR ANY ASPEN RESIDENT.

Every Wednesday evening, up to 100 people gather to take part in Mystery Film Screening, a completely free cinema night onboard Theatreship at Canary Wharf. "There's only one rule," says Inigo Lapwood, Theatreship's founder and director. "We tell no one in advance what the film will be."

The weekly film choice is in the accomplished hands of Natalie Hill, a multi-BAFTA winning director and producer whose credits over her 25-year career include three film festivals in collaboration with BFI BBC's The Apprentice and Netflix's The Man with 1000 Kids. Her selection has ranged from 1930s cult favourites to modern music, contemporary art, films, theatre, than watching Netflix alone at home. It's a day foreign language films.

Theatreship is a 111-year old ship that opened in early 2024 as the world's largest floating arts centre, the first of two planned historic boats docked at Canary Wharf. The of demand. second, Artship, accommodating audiences of 400, is currently undergoing renovation ready to open later this year. Together, they are a non-profit arts space and the majority of the team are volunteers.

Since opening, Theatreship has held and its packed events calendar covers an academic lectures and theatrical workshops far richer and valuable experience."

for children. The enthusiastic welcome that Theatreship has had, over 6,000 visitors in just six months, demonstrates the level

"The inspiration for Theatreship comes from the location, the historic docks," says Inigo. "They were a dynamic and exciting hub, somewhere people met, exchanged new ideas and we aim to continue that tradition. We deliberately set up events to allow people time to mingle in the boat's cosy bar area. Our aim is to encourage people to watch inspiring and eclectic mix, taking in orchestral events with others in the community, rather

#### JUST A SHORT WALK FROM ASPEN ARE THE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR COURTS OF PADIUM. THE FASTEST GROWING SPORT IN THE WORLD.

Padel is the world's fastest growing sport, a hugely enjoyable hybrid of squash and tennis that's wonderfully easy to pick up and play. It's compulsive fun, a mix of strategy and finesse, and a hit across all age groups. But while Europe saw a 240% increase in the number of padel clubs last year, demand for courts in the UK still far exceeds supply.

That makes Padium, Canary Wharf's very own Padel club a ten minute stroll from Aspen, even more notable. Padium is a superb five-star facility, one of the finest in Europe, with nine courts, eight of them indoors, five coaches led by the UK's former number 1-ranked padel player and an

inclusive schedule of tournaments, leagues, social roll-ups and coaching.

Padium opened last year and is the brainchild of Houman Ashrafian, a Londonbased entrepreneur who first played padel on a visit back to his childhood home in Sweden.

"It's inclusive, easy to learn, highly sociable and great fun as well as good exercise but when I came back to London, I discovered that there were only two Padel courts in the entire city," he says. "It seemed a missed opportunity, so I put together a business plan for a club in the capital. I wanted to create a club that was exciting,

beautiful and offered a premium service before, during and after the game itself and knew that finding a prime, accessible location was key. Canary Wharf was ideal."

Padium opened last year, a ten minute stroll from Aspen, operating from 6am until 11pm. Currently around 500 people pass through each day at the weekend.

"The social side is fantastic," says Houman. "I've met so many interesting people playing Padel. We cater for every standard of play with 4 or 5 introductory sessions each week. Padel is a game for every age group and level. Padium proves that."



ASPEN TIME CANARY WHARF

**CANARY WHARF** 

#### KIKO MILANO

Innovative Italian make-up brand, KIKO A long-standing beacon of high-quality British design, Hobbs offers elegant pieces for every season. The proud inhabitants of a new location at Canada Place, the store invites you to discover timeless, tailored garments for your every work and occasionwear need. A sophisticated addition to the ever-Whether you're looking for affordable, growing retail community at Canary Wharf, Hobbs joins other eminent purveyors of womenswear. and beauty at Canary Wharf.

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Unit 20, Canada P

Unit RP255, 1 Canada Square

Milano, lands at Cabot Place this year. This is a brand which champions quality and selfexpression, presenting an extensive selection of shades, tones and skincare products to suit the full spectrum of different complexions. first-rate products to enhance natural style or to revel in bold colour, KIKO Milano is a welcome addition to the world of health

#### WATCHHOUSE

Breathing new life into a unique building which combines distinct Georgian features with high-tech modernism, WatchHouse brings stylish, contemporary coffee culture to Cabot Place. Since its inception on Bermondsey Street in 2014, WatchHouse has grown from strength to strength and in 2023 won the 'Best Independent Coffee Shop -Europe'. Offering ethically sourced coffee and a menu of seasonal specials, WatchHouse is a valuable addition to the Wharf.

RS320, Cabot Square

#### LULULEMON

The widely lauded, Vancouver founded, fitness brand arrives at Canary Wharf for all your active and lifestyle apparel needs. Lululemon fuses high-performance athletic wear with urban style, catering to yoga bunnies, keen runners, gym goers and everyone in between. With its unique, collaborative approach, Lululemon forges relationships with guests and local ambassadors, creating an active community living 'The Sweat Life'.

Unit 11, Canada Pl London E14 5AH

## The ever more exciting landscape that surrounds Aspen









#### ROE

From the creators of the critically acclaimed Fallow in St James's and nearby FOWL, Roe brings nose-to-tail and root-to-stem dining to Canary Wharf. Roe showcases the fantastic things that can be achieved with British produce, celebrating unsung ingredients and pairing these with regenerative crops, rare breed meats and carefully sourced fish. With a terrace and options for private dining, Roe's quirky interior provides an intriguing atmosphere for hyper-sustainable eating.

London E14 9GG

#### BADIANI

Established in Florence in 1932, Badiani Gelato has long been a popular purveyor of artisanal, Italian ice cream. In addition to 7 other locations across London, Badiani can now be found at Canada Place, Canary Wharf. Offering everything from vegan sorbets made with seasonal fruits to Gelato Cookies filled with their own unique ice cream flavours, this is creative chilled dessert at its finest. For those who prefer a warm refreshment, Badiani can whip you up a specialist coffee or gourmet crepe.

15 Cabot Square London E14 4QS

#### ITHAI

For those seeking fresh and authentic food, iThai, the newest addition to the street food scene at Canary Wharf offers a modern take on the flavours of Thailand. Having had great success at Old Spitalfields Market, iThai presents an extensive menu to Canary Wharf, featuring curries, seafood and plant-based options. Choose from a selection of tastebud stimulating noodle and rice dishes which dance between sweet, sour, spicy and bitter.

Wharf Kitchen 45 Jubilee Place, Bank St London E14 5NY

#### **ULTIMATE PERFORMANCE**

Having already seen great success at Wood Wharf, the 'world's best personal training experience' comes to Cabot Place. This private, personal training gym has been celebrated for its well-established method which has improved the fitness of over 25,000 clients. Dedicated to achieving maximum results in a minimal amount of time, Ultimate Performance allows those with limited free time to enhance their physical ability in just a few hours per week.

Level 2 Cabot Square



WITH EXCEPTIONAL STUDIO, ONE, TWO AND THREE BEDROOM APARTMENTS, ASPEN BOASTS EXQUISITE INTERIORS WITH SPECTACULAR VIEWS.

Amidst the vibrant new community of Consort Place, Aspen combines some of the Capital's finest residents' amenities with spaces to relax or entertain, work or merely indulge. Aspen and its neighbouring Dorsett Hotel are amongst Canary Wharf's most exciting new destinations.

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