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ANOTHER BLOCKBUSTER ANNOUNCEMENT AT UNION SQUARE AS CINEWORLD COMES TO TOWN

Construction at Hammerson's Union Square development continues apace, as the 10 screen multiplex cinema is officially handed over to one of the UK's biggest cinema operators, Cineworld.

Cineworld will now oversee the interior design of the cinema which will be fitted with a selection of digital screens, all of which will be 3D enabled. With 2400 seats, the multiplex will be the largest cinema in Aberdeen when it opens in autumn 2009.

In addition to 10 cinema screens, Union Square Cineworld goers will also be able to take advantage of a fully licensed bar, a Ben and Jerry's ice cream counter and Coffee Republic coffee.

The transfer of the cinema to Cineworld from developers Hammerson and main contractor Miller Construction follows the Jury's Inns hotel handover which took place early last month. The cinema will add to the assortment of Union Square retail and leisure offerings including, renowned high street brands Marks and Spencer, Zara, and H&M plus restaurants Ask and Nandos, both of which are new to Aberdeen.

Guy Wells, development manager for Hammerson's Union Square development said: "We're delighted to be working in partnership with Cineworld and this handover marks an exciting milestone for the project as we move another step closer to providing the people of Aberdeen City and Shire with the newest and largest multiscreen cinema in the city."

Steven Young, project manager of the Cineworld development at Union Square added: "We're very excited about bringing Cineworld to Union Square. This will be our seventh Cineworld in Scotland and the 76th across the UK.

"To ensure Union Square Cineworld goers get the best film experience possible, special features will include digital, 3D enhanced screens and the latest 'floating' floor design which will maximise the cinema acoustics and help keep film goers on the edge of their seats!"

Brian McQuade, Joint Managing Director, Miller Construction (UK) Ltd, added: "The Cineworld at Union Square is an important element of the leisure facilities on offer at this development, and we are delighted with the progress that is being made as we approach the completion of Aberdeen's latest retail and leisure offering."

Other Cineworld features on offer at Union Square will include 'Movie for Juniors', where children can see films every Saturday at 10 a.m. for only £1 per ticket and the Unlimited Card, which is perfect for movie lovers to indulge in as many movies as they want for only £13.50 per month.

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Notes to Editors:

Union Square

Union Square is a £250 million mixed use, regeneration scheme creating a new retail and leisure quarter for Aberdeen. Developed by Hammerson, the scheme includes 56 retail units, comprising a range of national and international brands, up to 12 restaurants and cafés, a 203 bed hotel and 10 screen multiplex, set to be Aberdeen's largest cinema. The scheme will also provide visitors with a new civic square. Union Square will be Aberdeen's most accessible retail and leisure offer with 1,700 car parking spaces, easily reached from all major routes and integrated with the city's bus and rail stations - providing a gateway to the region and encouraging sustainable travel to the city.

www.unionsquareaberdeen.com

Hammerson plc

Hammerson plc is a FTSE-100 Real Estate Investment Trust which operates principally in the retail sector in the UK and France. Its £6.5 billion portfolio, which provides 1.4 million m² of retail space and 255,000 m² of offices, includes 15 major shopping centres and 19 retail parks.

Hammerson has a track record of successfully delivering major city centre regeneration projects. Award-winning developments include Bishops Square in London and Bullring in Birmingham. In September 2008 the Company opened three major retail-led developments: Highcross, Leicester; Cabot Circus, Bristol and an extension to Parinor, an existing centre in Paris. This autumn, Hammerson will open its latest retail-led regeneration scheme, Union Square in Aberdeen.

The Company is currently working with several councils across the UK to deliver retail-led mixed-use projects in cities including Leeds, Southampton and Sheffield.

For more information, visit www.hammerson.com.

Cineworld

Cineworld Group was founded in 1995 by the current senior management team and is now one of the leading cinema groups in the UK. The Group operates 75 sites of which 70 are multiplex sites with five screens or more. Cineworld's portfolio includes five out of the eight highest grossing cinemas in the UK and Ireland including the number one and two (Glasgow and Dublin). In 2007 Cineworld successfully floated on the London Stock Exchange.

For more information and cinema listings, please visit www.cineworld.co.uk