

# News

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## **BCO award for No.4 St Paul's Square**

English Cities Fund (ECf), a joint venture between Muse Developments, Legal & General and the Homes and Communities Agency, is celebrating No 4 St Paul's Square, Liverpool winning the 'Commercial Workplace' award at the ninth regional British Council for Offices (BCO) Awards, held at the Queens Hotel, Leeds.

This is not the first award for the £34m development which has already been recognised as 'Best Commercial Project' at the 2011 RICS Awards and is also listed amongst the finalists in the category of 'Best Development' at the 2012 OAS Development Awards, due to take place next month.

The stunning 109,000 sq ft Grade 'A' office building designed by RHWL Architects is located in the heart of Liverpool's new business district and is Merseyside's first speculatively developed BREEAM rated "Excellent" office building.

No 4 St Paul's Square is setting the benchmark for commercial office space in the city and is now highly regarded as a world class business location and a potential new hub for the region's leading professional services firms. Spanish banking group, Santander recently chose the 14,155 sq ft seventh floor at the development as its new Merseyside headquarters.

Following the BCO Award win, Darren Lawless, director of ECf, said: "It's a great privilege to be part of such an amazing scheme. This development clearly demonstrates what can still be achieved with the right vision and the exceptional skills and talents of all the professionals involved.

"This award cements No 4 St Paul's Square's reputation as the most significant, new commercial office development in Liverpool city centre and recognises the new standards we have set with regards to architecture, design, quality and sustainability."

Following the regional awards win, No 4 St Paul's Square has been put forward for the National BCO Awards, which will be held in October this year.