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## Changes at Muse as Franklin retires

National development and urban regeneration specialist, Muse Developments, has announced that its current joint managing director, Nigel Franklin, is to retire at the end of March, after 34 years' service to the business.

Joining the business as a development surveyor in 1985, Nigel, worked on an extensive portfolio, before being appointed to the board in 1988 and joint managing director in December 2006, with responsibility for all development activities in the South and Scotland.

Nigel is also the chairman of Waterside Places – a joint venture with the Canal & River Trust, which is responsible for landmark developments including Brentford Lock West and Hale Wharf.

On his impending retirement, Nigel, said: "As we head into another promising year, with a robust five-year business plan, it is very rewarding to know that I will leave with the company in such good shape.

"Over the years, there have been many highs and lows, but thankfully considerably more of the former. I am leaving behind a talented and dynamic team of people that will be taking the company to the next level.

"I feel very fortunate to have spent most of my career with the Muse business. It has been a lot of fun and I will genuinely miss it."

Following Nigel's departure, Matt Crompton will become the sole managing director, regional directors, Phil Mayall from the North West and Mike Auger in the South, will take a seat on the Muse board, with residential development director, Duncan Cumberland, moving up to the management team.

Managing director, Matt Crompton, paid tribute to Nigel's contribution at Muse and welcomed the new structure. He said: "It has been a pleasure to work alongside Nigel and I thank him for his vision and support over the years and wish him all the best in his well-earned retirement.

"It's a new chapter in the Muse story, and I'm delighted to welcome both Phil and Mike onto the board of directors, along with Duncan to the board of management. I'm sure their experience and tenacity will help to propel the business forward beyond 2019."