

# News

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## **KPMG joins thriving Marischal Square business community**

KPMG has announced plans to relocate to the multi-million-pound Marischal Square development in Aberdeen, as it eyes further growth in the city.

The leading professional services firm will relocate from its current base in Albyn Place to the new city centre location in the Spring.

Final designs and planning are currently underway, with more than 140 auditors and advisors moving to KPMG's new north east home, which will be located on level four of 1MSq.

The relocation has been designed to create greater flexibility, bringing teams together for the first time in one open-plan, collaborative space. Plans are also underway to enable clients to make the most of the central location, with event, breakout and shared working spaces.

Martin Findlay, KPMG's senior partner in Aberdeen, said: "We've called Albyn Place home for 25 years, and have some great memories here, but we're incredibly excited about our next move. KPMG has been part of the fabric of Aberdeen since the nineteenth century, so we felt it was only fitting to make our next base a development which truly reflects the city's optimistic future.

"For the first time, our various teams in Aberdeen will be able to work together in one dedicated floor, allowing far greater collaboration and flexibility. Our big focus will be on technology and innovation, developing a space that empowers our people and our clients to work together in the heart of the Granite City."

Stephen Turner, regional director, Scotland, at Muse Developments said: "We are proud that KPMG has chosen Marischal Square for the next phase of its progression here in Aberdeen. Its presence proves that if the right property is available world-class organisations will commit to a city centre location and the firm will further enhance the business credentials of the area.

"KPMG is a very welcome addition to our existing portfolio of clients and will further enhance Marischal Square's burgeoning reputation as Aberdeen's premier city centre office development."

He added: "The Grade-A space on offer is proving very attractive to prospective occupiers and we continue to talk to organisations interested to taking their place alongside some of the city's leading businesses."

Aberdeen City Council co-leader, Councillor Jenny Laing said: "KPMG's arrival means another high-calibre firm and its staff are now located in the city centre, which was a main aim of the Marischal Square project.

"This area of the city centre has been revitalised and I am confident it will continue to go from strength to strength. More and more people are attracted to the thriving eastern end of Union Street, which in turn is contributing to the wider economy of the north east."