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Oxford GB completes the UK's first Hilton Garden Inn

The first Hilton Garden Inn in the UK opened last week in Luton; it was completed in just one year by GB Building Solutions as part of its joint venture company Oxford GB. This is the first hotel to be completed by Oxford GB since the joint venture between GB Building Solutions and Oxford Hotel Projects was established in April 2006.

The hotel was designed and built as a Select Service hotel, with the focus on sustainability and efficiency. It is a fully-equipped business hotel with 157 rooms, meeting rooms, function facilities, restaurant, bar and gym,

This fast build period was possible because the project team adopted an off-site modular solution. This had two very positive results: it reduced build time and it increased the quality of the finished product, as a result of the rooms being constructed under controlled factory conditions.

The off-site manufacturing has also helped the hotel to achieve a high level of sustainability, in particular through its use of materials, insulation, low wastage, and reduced time on site. Environmental concerns were of the highest priority and the hotel has achieved a 'Very Good' BREEAM environmental rating.

The sustainability credentials of the hotel are enhanced by the installation of a biomass boiler. This provides the hotel's heating and hot water requirements through its use of sustainable wood chip and together with the high level of insulation will help to significantly reduce the long-term running and fuel costs of the hotel.

Simon Wood, Chairman of Oxford GB says, "We have enjoyed working with Hilton to create this fantastic new Select Service hotel. It offers excellent business accommodation at Butterfield Park in Luton, and with its range of facilities, it will provide key services to the nearby high quality office occupiers. It is the first Hilton Garden Inn in the UK and I think we have built a highly sustainable hotel platform, for Hilton to operate successfully for the next 25 years".



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This is the first of 15 hotels that will be built by Oxford GB over the next five years.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Oxford GB was formed in April 2006 as a joint venture between Gleeson Building Ltd and Oxford Hotels Ltd. Gleeson Building provides design and build services to Oxford GB, while Gleeson Building subsidiary, GB Development Solutions, provides development management services.

Oxford GB intends to develop 15 sustainable hotels in the mid market over the next five years, which will operate under high quality international brands. It has currently new projects in Leeds, the North West and the Midlands.