



The Leadenhall Building
London, UK



Location
London, UK

Date
2000-2014

Client
British Land Company LLC
and Oxford Properties

Building Owner
CC Land Holdings Limited

Site Area
3,000m²

Gross Internal Area
84,424 m²

Structural Engineer
Arup

Services Engineer
Arup

Landscape Architect
Edco Design London /
Gillespies

Main Contractor
Laing O'Rourke

For me, The Leadenhall Building is about drawing people in. Yes, it's impressive; yes, it's an incredible feat of engineering; but it's also permeable and accessible in a way so many other buildings in the City are not. It engages people - they feel it belongs to them.

Mike Rayner, Head of Development at Oxford Properties

Key Awards

2018
RIBA National and London Awards

2017
The British Constructional Steelwork Association Awards, Main
National Award Winner and Special Award for Best Overall Project

2016
NLA New London Awards Best Commercial Building British Council of
Offices (BCO) Best Commercial Workplace in the UK

2015
Corporation of London, City of London Building of the Year

2011
BREEAM Excellent

This 50-storey tower opposite Lloyd's of London rises to a height of 224.5 metres (738 feet), its slender form creating its own distinctive profile within an emerging cluster of tall buildings in this part of the City of London. The building's tapering profile is prompted by a requirement to respect views of St Paul's Cathedral, in particular from Fleet Street. The tower's design ensures that from this key vantage point the cathedral's dome is still framed by a clear expanse of sky.

The office floors are designed to meet the highest quality office space standards taking the form of rectangular floor plates which progressively diminish in depth towards the apex. Instead of a traditional central core providing structural stability, the building employs a full perimeter braced tube which defines the edge of the office floor plates and creates stability under wind loads. The circulation and servicing core is located in a detached north-facing tower, containing colour-coded passenger and goods lifts, service risers and on-floor plant and WCs.

The building's envelope expresses the diversity of what it encloses, reinforcing the composition and providing legibility to the primary elements. Although the tower occupies the entire site, the scheme delivers an unprecedented allocation of public space – the lower levels are recessed on a raking diagonal to create a spectacular, sun-lit seven-storey high space complete with shops, and soft landscaped public space.

This public space offers a half-acre extension to the adjacent piazza of St Helen's Square. Overlooking the space is a public bar and restaurant served by glazed lifts. This new public space provides a rare breathing space within the dense urban character of the City of London.