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LEGAL & GENERAL COMMITS £4BN TO OXFORD UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP, CREATING A BLUEPRINT FOR FUTURE CITIES

Legal & General announces that it has formed a 50:50 partnership (“the Partnership”) with Oxford University (“the University”) to develop homes for University staff and students, together with science and innovation districts in and around Oxford.

As funding and development partner for the University, Legal & General’s Future Cities business will provide up to £4bn of funding over the next ten years from Legal & General’s shareholder, annuity and LGIM-managed funds. The funding will, subject to planning, deliver a series of projects for the University, including the development of new homes for University staff and students, and the creation of science and innovation districts, with modern workspace and research facilities.

With its world-class university, Oxford is one of the UK’s fastest growing cities¹ and competes among the top technology clusters in the world. The city however lacks affordable residential and commercial space that is essential for the University to continue to attract research graduates, and support spin-out and scale-up businesses. Accelerating Oxford’s potential by addressing these challenges is the fundamental ambition of the Partnership.

Professor Louise Richardson, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford, said: “My colleagues and I are delighted to have formed this partnership with Legal & General. We look forward to working together to address some of the most pressing challenges facing the University today. We will build much-needed graduate accommodation, subsidized housing for University staff, and new science parks, where academic departments, University spin-outs and commercial partners can work together to create new companies as well as high quality jobs.”

Nigel Wilson, CEO of Legal & General Group, said: “Oxford University is one of the best in the world. It has inspired generations of academics and researchers, and today nurtures outstanding modern businesses with world-leading potential. Our partnership with Oxford University is leading the way in bringing together dynamic cities and patient capital, creating great outcomes for long-term investors and for the cities themselves. Legal & General’s partnership with the University is a terrific example for cities across the globe to follow.”

¹ The Centre for Cities’ 2016 “Fast Growth Cities” report sites Oxford as one of the UK’s most successful cities, performing strongly on a range of economic indicators, including productivity and share of knowledge-based jobs, and that this positions it strongly to continue to grow in the future. Oxford’s population grew by 11.6% from 2004 to 2014, making it the 12th fastest growing city in the UK.

John Cummins, Managing Director of Legal & General's Future Cities Business, said: "Universities are a key driver for the growth of cities, acting as a magnet for talent and incubator of growth and innovation. They have an integral role in shifting the dial for future success. Great universities also need an economic, physical and digital infrastructure to create an ecosystem to attract people and businesses. Any new discovery depends not just on the academics but on the infrastructure supporting them. This partnership is a unique opportunity for two large and long-term UK institutions to work together to address Oxford University's, and indeed the city's, future needs, enabling it to continue to be a centre of growth."

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Notes to editors

Legal & General's Future Cities business works with partners, such as Oxford University, to create real assets to help futureproof the local economies of cities. While it is part of Legal & General Capital (LGC), Legal & General Future Cities through this JV will not only be investing shareholder funds but also creating assets for Legal & General Retirement (LGR) to back pension risk transfer deals and LDI-compatible assets that can form part of LGIM-managed funds. The Oxford University Partnership illustrates Legal & General's three-legged asset-centric strategy of asset funding (LGR), asset management (LGIM) and asset creation (LGC).

Legal & General has invested over £19bn in direct investments to back annuities (pension risk transfer) and shareholder funds. Legal & General's Future Cities business has already funded the creation of over 2.5m sqft of commercial space, over a thousand new homes and tens of thousands of jobs, in cities such as Cardiff, Leeds, Manchester, Newcastle and Salford. Legal & General's most recent Future Cities investments include its partnership with Bruntwood to create the UK's largest property platform dedicated to driving science and technology growth in cities, its partnership with Goldacre to develop and manage data centres, and the regeneration of Bath's riverside at Bath Quays North. Legal & General Capital also has investments in the Oxford spinout company, OSI, and in Oxford-based companies specialising in innovative clean energy solutions.

Legal & General Capital

Legal & General Capital (LGC) is the early-stage investment arm of Legal & General Group. Investing from Legal & General's principal balance sheet, LGC's purpose is to generate long-term shareholder value by injecting new capital into key sectors where there has been a shortage of investment and innovation. Focused on Future Cities (including Urban Regeneration, Clean Energy and Infrastructure), Housing and Principal Investing (including SME Finance and Venture Capital), these key sectors reflect our aim to invest for the long term in economically and socially useful assets, to secure competitive returns and to create new asset classes for Legal & General's varied investment requirements, for our partners and for the wider marketplace.

Legal & General Group

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Oxford University

Oxford University is the oldest university in the English-speaking world. There is no clear date of foundation, but teaching existed in some form in 1096 and developed rapidly from 1167, when Henry II banned English students from attending the University of Paris. Oxford was ranked first in the world in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings for 2017, 2018 and 2019. There are nearly 24,000 students at Oxford, including 11,747 undergraduates and 11,687 postgraduates. The University, including the 38 Colleges and Oxford University Press, is the largest employer in Oxfordshire, supporting around more than 30,000 jobs in the county and injecting more than £2.3bn annually into the regional economy.

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