

May

- Westfield's plans for a major John Lewis-anchored shopping centre at Sprucefield, south of Belfast city centre, face a new legal challenge with a consortium of property owners, headed by Multi Development, applying for leave to take the planning decision to judicial review for a second time.
- JPMorgan starts talks with the City of London and Hammerson to provide new European headquarters on London Wall.
- HBG Properties is granted outline planning permission for its £180m Latitude mixed-use scheme by Leeds City Council.
- Capital & Counties' CapCo Urban arm is confirmed as the preferred developer for a 25-acre mixed-use scheme in Canterbury.
- Base rate increases to 5.5%.
- PricewaterhouseCoopers agrees to take a 25-year prelet of 500,000 sq ft at 7 More London.
- Leeds Bradford Airport is sold to equity group Bridgepoint Capital for £145.5m. The private equity group buys the airport from a consortium of five local authorities. As part of the deal, Bridgepoint has promised to spend £70m developing the airport.
- Phases II and III of Ballymore's landmark 1m sq ft Snow Hill mixed-use scheme in central Birmingham receive planning permission from Birmingham City Council.



Pancras Square, King's Cross

- Local campaigners fighting the £2bn redevelopment at King's Cross in Central London fail to persuade a High Court judge to quash outline planning consent for the scheme.
- 'Planning for a Sustainable Future: White Paper' is published, setting out detailed proposals for the reform of the planning system in response to the recommendations made by Kate Barker and Rod Eddington in their reports on planning.
- Lend Lease's 365,000 sq ft extension, costing £120m, at Warrington's Golden Square opens at the end of May, doubling the size of existing centre.

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Corporate Overview

Maples Teesdale is a niche commercial property practice that is acknowledged as a leader in its sector. The firm has a deep understanding of the market in which its clients operate and provides legal advice within a commercial context.

Areas of Work

- Development
- Construction
- Investment property
- Property litigation
- Company commercial/property joint ventures

Client Base

- Royal & Sun Alliance
- Resolution Life
- City & West End Property Group
- Churchmanor Estates
- Land Securities Trillium
- Targetfollow Group
- Lloyds TSB
- Wates Group
- CLS Holdings plc
- Album Investments Ltd
- Friends Provident

Recent Instructions

- Simons Developments and Frenbury Properties – joint venture to develop £140m warehouse and distribution park, Peterborough
- Sale of £500m UK property portfolio for Phoenix Assurance to a new closed-ended Guernsey investment company
- Refurbishment and sale of a substantial site at Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, for Europa Capital and Property Merchant Group

Awards

- Best Small Firm Legal Trainer Recruitment Award 2004
- Shortlisted for Niche Firm of the Year at Lawyer Awards 2004 and Boutique Firm of the Year at Legal Business Awards 2005