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The Royal Institute of British Architects 175 Exhibition *RIBA Competitions celebrates 175 Years with 175 photographic images*

01 December to 24 December 2009
The Architecture Centre, Narrow Quay, Bristol

2009 marks the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). To celebrate this milestone and the remarkable buildings which have resulted from architectural competitions The Architecture Centre in Bristol is exhibiting 175 images of RIBA competition winning projects.

The RIBA organises and runs competitions to encourage excellence in design. It does so for a wide range of clients – both public and private – which have resulted in a variety of landmark projects and iconic structures. These range from major public projects such as London's **Millennium Bridge**, **The Sage Gateshead**, **Baltic** and **Wembley Stadium** to the Urban Splash Tutti Frutti housing project and smaller structures, such as the De La Warr Pavilion at Bexhill on Sea and the Swivelling Wind Shelter in Blackpool.

The RIBA Competitions Office, established in Leeds over 25 years ago, holds a photographic archive of past projects from which images for the exhibition will be drawn.

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Speaking about the exhibition, Louise Harrison, RIBA Competitions Manager, said
“We have a fantastic archive of amazing images and have grasped this opportunity to



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share them. We have tried to capture the spirit of what competitions are all about and hope visitors enjoy our eclectic collection.”

Regional Director of RIBA South West Jon Watkins said “The RIBA South West region is excited to be hosting the 175 Exhibition at the Architecture Centre, Bristol as the Institute’s signs off its anniversary year. To have this stunning visual history of architectural work available to view is a unique event for the region and the city of Bristol. We are appreciative of the Construction Industry Council, Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios, Heath Avery Architects and Lacey Hickie Caley in supporting this exhibition in Bristol during the festive period.’

“The Architecture Centre has a long history of working closely with the RIBA in the region”, Director, Gillian Fearnough said. “The RIBA 175 exhibition is a great opportunity to celebrate first-class design in the UK, and to recognise the success of the competition process. We are delighted to be presenting this important body of work to our audience in the city and beyond.”

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Notes to editors:

- For further information regarding the exhibition please contact Julia Davies, Marketing Executive, RIBA on 0113 234 1335 or Julia.Davies@inst.riba.org.
- **The Architecture Centre** is located at Narrow Quay, Bristol, BS1 4QA. Tel: +44 [0] 117 922 1540. Fax: +44 [0] 117 922 1541. Email: info@architecturecentre.co.uk. Admission to the exhibitions is free. The opening times are Tuesday-Friday 11am-5pm, Saturday and Sunday 12-5pm and closed all day on Monday. www.architecturecentre.co.uk

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The Architecture Centre is the leading regional expert on engaging the public with the built environment and championing the creation of better quality neighbourhoods, buildings and public spaces. Based in Bristol and relating directly to that particular urban environment the Centre's programme of work responds equally to the needs of the wider South West region.

- 2009 marks the 175th Anniversary of the founding of the **Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)**. In celebration the Institute has planned a programme of special events which look back with pride on some of the most significant achievements of the past while also looking forward to the years ahead. We aim to use our position as the home of architecture in the UK to engage an even wider audience in the vitally important architectural issues which have such a large influence on the way we live and work both now and in the future. By raising our profile in this anniversary year we will demonstrate better the breadth of our activities and convey our passion for good design in the built environment. For further information visit www.architecture.com
- The Construction Industry Council was established in 1990 in response to Government and other national pressures to establish a single organisation that would speak for the UK construction industry, in particular the professional sector. Regional groups were set up across the UK to help facilitate local dialogue.

The aim of CIC regions is to provide an influential, collective voice for the Built Environment with Regional Development Agencies and other regional government bodies. CIC regions also create a valuable platform for member organisations to share their current themes and priorities and facilitate the opportunity for joint initiatives.

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