

# Newcastle Lord Mayor Tops off City's Landmark Development



Lord Mayor, Michael Cookson, performs the topping out ceremony at Wellbar Central in Newcastle. With the Lord Mayor are (from left to right) Lady Mayoress Dorrie Cookson, Dolly Siddiqui and Shahpur Siddiqui.

**Tolent Construction celebrated our part in the completion of a landmark development in Newcastle when Lord Mayor Michael Cookson performed the topping out ceremony at Wellbar Central, a nine-storey building providing 120,000 square feet of cutting-edge office accommodation strategically located on Gallowgate.**

The Lord Mayor was accompanied by Lady Mayoress Dorrie Cookson and Shahpur Siddiqui and Dolly Siddiqui, brother and sister of Sheila Siddiqui, the client whose original vision provided the inspiration for Wellbar Central. Also in attendance were various representatives from Tolent Construction, developer Moonglade Holdings, agents Knight Frank and architects Lister Associates. Knight Frank have confirmed that Wellbar Central is already generating high levels of interest from

prospective occupiers within Newcastle and elsewhere in the country.

"Tolent Construction's head office is located in Gateshead and we are very proud to play an important part in one of Newcastle's most prestigious developments of recent times," said Tolent Chairman, John Wood. "The magnificent stature of Wellbar Central's design enriches the whole area and the building enjoys spectacular 360 degree views across iconic architectural features such as the Tyne Bridge and Sage Music Centre."

"Wellbar Central is well equipped to repeat the immense success of its sister scheme, Time Central, a nearby seven-storey office building which was also inspired by Sheila Siddiqui and completed in 2007 with Tolent Construction as the main contractor. The two developments share the same high standards of design, specification and finish."

