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Temple Quay office building sold for £21.45 million

Knight Frank Press Release (extract) - August 2009

There is increased optimism in the Bristol investment market according to Knight Frank following the completion of a deal to sell 3 Rivergate in Temple Quay for £21.45 million.

The 75,750 sq ft office building set in the heart of the Temple Quay district has been sold by CIS to Credit Suisse Asset Management (advised by Tudor Toone), with an annual rent of £1.65 million representing an impressive net initial yield of 7.28%.

John Sisman, partner at Knight Frank in Bristol, commented: "The past six months have seen a series of significant investment deals complete in the city. Bristol has a great deal to offer to investors and we are seeing a steady increase in investor interest particularly at this high prime end of the office and distribution markets."

Typhoon Tranche 3 Order Worth Over £300 Million To Rolls-Royce

Rolls-Royce Press Release (extract) - August 2009

Rolls-Royce, the global power systems company, has announced that its share of the Eurofighter Typhoon Tranche 3 order is worth more than £300 million.

Rolls-Royce is a shareholder in Eurojet, the European consortium responsible for the EJ200 engine that powers the Eurofighter Typhoon twin-engine combat aircraft, and has a 37% production share of the programme.

The Tranche 3 contract covers 241 engines for which Rolls-Royce will produce the combustion system, high pressure turbine, intermediate casing and other components. The company will also assemble, test and deliver engines for the UK Royal Air Force (RAF). Work on engines will start in 2010.

The EJ200 programme sustains over 3,000 high-value jobs throughout Rolls-Royce and its supply chain, with activity centred at the Rolls-Royce site in Bristol, where engines for the RAF are assembled and tested.

Brunel calls for votes in 'British Travel Awards 2009'

SS Great Britain press Release (extract) - August 2009

Brunel's SS Great Britain is urging Bristolians and visitors alike to vote for the ship in the highly prestigious 'British Travel Awards 2009'.

The Bristol icon has been nominated to stand against the biggest visitor attractions in the UK – in what is being seen as a 'David and Goliath' type challenge.

Brunel's SS Great Britain – an independent museum and registered charity – will be up against the biggest commercial names in the sector.

Bristol chosen to trial zero-emission delivery vehicles

Evening Post (extract) - 28th August

The streets of Bristol will be that little bit cleaner and greener from today as the city has been chosen to host the UK's largest fleet of electric, zero-emission delivery vehicles.

The four 7.5-tonne trucks, part of express delivery giant TNT's fleet of green vehicles, have just been delivered to TNT's Bristol depot at the Westerleigh Business Park in Yate, where they will be charged at the end of their working day, ready for them to reach speeds of up to 50mph and travel up to 70 miles the next day.

The launch in Bristol is part of TNT's roll-out programme, enabling it to reduce its carbon footprint by an estimated 1,300 tonnes of CO₂ a year.

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Banksy boost to Bristol's economy **28th August**

Bristol City Council Press Release (extract)

The economic effects of the massively popular 12-week Banksy vs Bristol Museum exhibition are being calculated and early indications show the 'Banksy effect' on the city's economy has been significant.

Hotel rooms, guesthouses and B&B bookings are up, takings by local business, including: cafes; bookshops and restaurants are up, car park usage is up and tickets sold on the Bristol International airport bus to the museum stop in Queens Road, Clifton are also up.

Visitor numbers to other local attractions, such as Bristol Zoo Gardens and SS Great Britain are also up.

Reports of visitors from all round the world coming to see the exhibition have boosted the wider, regional economy, with many overseas visitors going on to explore the west country and other parts of the UK.

Bristol engineering firm is shining light in innovation

Evening Post (extract) - 14th August

A Clifton engineering firm has become the latest firm to be awarded Beacon status for its work.

Stirling Dynamics produces modelling and simulation for electronic, mechanical and hydraulic systems for the aerospace and marine industries.

Beacon companies must show outstanding achievement across a range of criteria, including innovation, performance, profitability, culture and business practices. They must also be willing to share their knowledge, expertise and skills to benefit the economy of the region.

Bristol Balloon Fiesta hailed as best ever

Evening Post (extract) - 10th August

This year's Bristol International Balloon Fiesta has been hailed the best ever after attracting record numbers of people to the city.

Nearly 150,000 people headed for Ashton Court on Saturday – more than ever before – and the fiesta has been hailed a huge success.

After a wash-out last year and this year's soggy summer, the good weather made a welcome change, and event-goers were bathed in glorious sunshine all weekend.

Stars to illuminate opening of Bristol Colston Hall's £20m foyer

Evening Post (extract) - 8th August

A week-long series of special events will be held to celebrate the opening of Colston Hall's £20-million foyer next month.

Big name artists like Roni Size, Beth Rowley and Mogwai will be taking to the stage as part of the programme, which all also feature art and film.

The £20m redevelopment, which was funded by Bristol City Council and the Arts Council, was completed in May.

The golden copper-clad building in Colston Street boasts five floors, a glass front and a wind turbine on the roof.

Bristol firm wins Matalan maintenance contract

Evening Post (extract) - 7th August

Retail giant Matalan has appointed Aztec West firm Integral to carry out the maintenance services at all its UK stores.

The three-year contract will see Integral carry out full mechanical, electrical and fabric maintenance services in all of Matalan's 204 retail outlets



across the country plus those at its Merseyside head office complex at Skelmersdale.

Bryan Glastonbury, Integral's managing director, said: "This contract win is significant for Integral as Matalan have been customers of ours in the past, and I am delighted that they have again chosen us to look after their properties' maintenance.

Bristol deli wins pâté award

Evening Post (extract) - 6th August

A deli in Bristol has won an award for its home-made pâté.

Castellano's, in Fishponds Road, Fishponds, has only been open for a year, but its Pâté de Campagne picked up a two-star award at this year's Great Taste Awards, organised by The Guild of Fine Food.

Bristol Harbour party attracts 250,000 revellers

Evening Post (extract) - 3rd August

Organisers estimated a record-breaking crowd of 250,000 people went to this year's Bristol Harbour Festival – making it one of the UK's biggest free festivals.

Following the Saturday's downpours, the weather improved on Sunday, bathing the event in sunshine for most of yesterday as thousands of visitors packed the waterside.

Hundreds flock to new Bristol Primark store

Evening Post (extract) - 13th August

Hundreds of eager shoppers queued from the early hours of the morning for the opening of Primark's new flagship store in Bristol today.

Staff at Primark said around 500 people were waiting outside the store, some since 6.30am, to be first in line at the cash tills.

Security guards and police ensured the rush into the shop was orderly and calm shortly before 9am.

The store is Primark's second largest in Britain after its Manchester outlet.



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