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### GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY COMPANY WISE CHOOSES HB REAVIS' WORSHIP SQUARE AS NEW LONDON OFFICE

# Shoreditch workspace, Worship Square, is set to see 98% of its available office space let by practical completion in Summer 2024



- Global technology company Wise will take several floors at HB Reavis' Worship Square, as its new London office.
- Welcoming Wise and Frontier Economics, with plans for HB Reavis' HubHub to open co-working facilities at Worship Square, will see 98% of the available office space leased ahead of practical completion in 2024.
- Wise employees will benefit from a fully equipped in-house fitness studio, communal rooftop terrace and state-of-the art concierge app while retaining Wise's signature features, including an event space, games area and open, collaborative working areas.

International workspace provider HB Reavis has today announced that Wise, the pioneering global technology company will take just over 80,000 sq ft of space at Worship Square as its new London office. HB Reavis' co-working facilities, HubHub are also planning to open at the site, which will see the Shoreditch workspace 98% let ahead of completion.

Worship Square is located in the heart of London's bustling tech district between Old Street and Liverpool Street. Frontier Economics has also taken 33,000 sq ft in the building as its London HQ.

Founded 13 years ago, Wise has always been a committed member of London's tech scene and is listed on the London Stock Exchange. Today, the company has more than 5,500 employees globally - including over 1,000 in



London. Over the last financial year, ten million people and businesses actively used Wise, and the company moves more than £30 billion in cross-border transactions each quarter.

Wise today offers a full suite of products including the Wise Account for personal customers, Wise Business for any businesses operating internationally and Wise Platform - infrastructure used by financial institutions to give their customers access to faster and low-cost international payments. These products help people and businesses move and manage money around the world quickly, cheaply and transparently, with users able to hold money in more than 40 currencies.

Worship Square provides c.135,000 sq ft of CAT A workspace, c.15,500 sq ft of flex workspace, c.3,800 sq ft retail and over 9,000 sq ft of private and communal terracing. Worship Square represents a future-focused, net zero carbon sustainable workplace, featuring: an active lobby area with barista, an events space, and supports active lifestyles through cycle facilities, luxury changing facilities and a fitness studio.

The space has been designed with Wise's collaborative working environment in mind, with a range of openplan, flexible co-working spaces to allow teams to come together and solve customer problems.

As a nod to the company's Estonian heritage, Wise also has plans for an in-office sauna, a feature seen in some other Wise offices, as well as being a dog-friendly office space and has a private outdoor terrace to promote employee physical and mental wellbeing.

### Louise Ioannou, Head of Workspace, HB Reavis commented:

"Concept design of Worship Square began in 2020 where the workplace needed to be reimagined, against the backdrop of an industry-wide transformation toward sustainable developments.

"Worship Square delivers a future-proofed sustainable building, rich in amenities to support our community 'beyond the desk'.

"We are therefore delighted that Worship Square can be the new home for Wise and we look forward to welcoming them to the building. Wise has demonstrated itself to be a disruptor and tech industry-leader and we're proud that Worship Square can play a role in their next chapter of exciting growth.

"Demonstrated by the office lettings to both Wise and Frontier Economics, Worship Square is redefining the workplace and is a place where creative minds want to work."

### Isabel Naidoo, Chief People Officer at Wise said:

"At Wise, everything we do is centred around creating a world in which money moves quickly, easily, fairly, and in a way that's open to all. To achieve this, we empower our teams to make their own decisions, set their own goals and pursue the work that is most impactful. We need a workplace that supports this. A space that fosters collaboration, while allowing employees to focus - and ultimately build products that meet the needs of our customers. Worship Square meets this brief.

"We are proud to be a part of London. We're a truly global team, serving a global customer and the technology that enables that was first built here. Thirteen years since we set down roots here, we're excited by what's to come."



Worship Square has been designed with sustainability and wellbeing at the forefront. It is targeting a fully net zero carbon status, BREEAM Outstanding, EPC Rating A, WELL Platinum, Smartscore Platinum, WiredScore Platinum and has a certified 'Design Reviewed Target Rating' of 5\* NABERS with potential to enhance to a 5.5\* rating.

Pending practical completion of Worship Square in summer 2024, Wise is expected to complete its fit-out and move in by early 2025, transitioning its 1,000+ UK staff from its current office in the Tea Building in Shoreditch.

HB Reavis is a leading international workspace provider, offering a variety of spaces from conventional longterm leases, as well as a fully-fitted/managed workplace product offering short term leases: 'Ready to Work' and its own co-working facility, HubHub. Launched in 2019 at 20 Farringdon Street, HubHub already provides 34,000 sq ft of on-demand co-working space and flexible private office membership agreements. HubHub has plans to open its next London site at Worship Square in Q4 2024.

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### NOTES TO EDITORS

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#### **About HB Reavis**

HB Reavis is a leading workspace provider that designs, builds, and manages places that enhance the wellbeing and productivity of its users. HB Reavis' buildings are internationally awarded and characterized by central location hubs, offering a people-centric design approach with high standards of sustainability and innovation, and are focused on services for clients.

Operating across five countries, UK, Germany, Poland, Slovakia, and Hungary, HB Reavis has successfully delivered more than 1.69 million square metres of office and retail spaces and currently manages 640,000 square metres of workspaces with a value of €3 billion. For more information, visit www.hbreavis.com.

#### **About Worship Square**

Worship Square is net zero carbon in both construction and operation. Sustainability, wellbeing, service, flexibility and state-of-the-art technology are combined to create a future-proofed workspace designed with users at its heart. With c. 140,000 sq ft of floor space across eleven storeys and a mix of high-quality collaborative and flexible internal and outdoor spaces, Worship Square suits the needs of a range of businesses.

Nestled in the heart of Tech City in London's buzzing Shoreditch, Worship Square is uniquely placed to offer the best of all worlds, from world-class talent and businesses on its doorstep to street food, leisure and culture, Worship Square gives companies access to the full variety of experiences on offer in the UK capital.

#### **Key Stats and Facts**

Total floorspace: 138,776 sq ft over 11 floors including ground floor, lower ground floor and basement Total office workspace: 118,973 sq ft



Ready to Work (Ground Floor), tech enhanced and managed workspace: 2,517 sq ft Flexible office space (Lower Ground and Basement): 15,466 sq ft Retail (Ground Floor): 3,808 sq ft Private terraces: 6,294 sq ft Communal terraces: 2,930sq ft Wellbeing: Fitness studio, changing facilities, 324 cycle spaces, communal and private terraces, 80-seat event space Sustainability: Net zero carbon in construction and operation Achieved accreditations: WiredScore Platinum, SmartScore Platinum Targeted accreditations: BREEAM Outstanding, WELL Platinum, Design Reviewed Target Rating' of 5\* NABERS To find out more, visit: https://worshipsquare.co.uk/

### About Wise

Wise is a global technology company, building the best way to move and manage the world's money. With the Wise Account, people and businesses can hold 40 currencies, move money between countries and spend money abroad.

Large companies and banks use Wise technology too; an entirely new cross-border payments network that will one day power money without borders for everyone, everywhere. However you use the platform, Wise is on a mission to make your life easier and save you money.

Co-founded by Kristo Käärmann and Taavet Hinrikus, Wise launched in 2011 under its original name TransferWise. It is one of the world's fastest growing, profitable technology companies and is listed on the London Stock Exchange under the ticker, WISE.

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