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Baltimore Tower Gears Up For Launch

Preparations are beginning for the next phase of the former Ballymore development in London, at Baltimore Tower in Docklands.

The scheme which is now a joint venture between Galliard Homes, Frogmore Property, LBS Properties and O' Shea consists of a 45-storey tower designed by Skidmore, Owings and Merrill that promises to bring some much-needed curves to an area dominated architecturally by blocks.

With a ground floor restaurant that fronts on to the water side, the rest of the building will be apartments with the exception of the two basement levels given over to valet parking for residents. The residents will also have full access to the existing health club that's situated in the completed phase one of Baltimore Wharf.

The curving appearance of the tower is actually created by the projecting balconies that are rotated from a central axis shifting in one direction towards level 13 before moving back again to the other extreme at the top of the tower. In turn the apartment core rotates to respond to this and to keep the accommodation in line with the changing external amenity space.

Progression to marketing, and inevitable construction, is not before time. The project first appeared in its almost-current form in 2008 before hitting the buffers following the crash.

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