

# Setting a new standard for urban greening

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## Citicape House, EC1 London, UK

Citicape House, a hospitality-led, mixed-use project, is characterised by the largest green wall in Europe (40,000ft²), creating a distinctive architectural addition to a

Client Dominvs Group

Size 24,500 m²

Completion 2024

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gateway City of London site, while absorbing eight tonnes of pollution annually and setting the standard for urban greening in London.

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The 382-key five-star hotel will feature 40,000ft<sup>2</sup> of workspace, a sky-bar on the tenth floor, meeting and events space, spa and ground level restaurant and co-working space. Situated on a prominent site on Holborn Viaduct at the gateway of what will be the City’s “Culture Mile,” the building will create an opportunity to broadcast fresh ideas about how the built environment can address pertinent issues such as air quality, climate change and air pollution.

New public green space and a roof-top viewing gallery on the eleventh floor are open to the public and feature incredible views overlooking St. Paul’s Cathedral, the Grade I listed Holy Sepulchre, and over the city beyond. At roof level, the greenery continues to wrap around the building, with spaces designed for threatened native wildflower species to flourish. The dramatic green wall and ‘pocket plaza’ at the prow of the building create important breathing space at street level, signalling the presence of the rooftop restaurant and garden, offering a much-needed public amenity with panoramic views of the city skyline.

The building is projected to annually capture over eight tonnes of carbon, produce six tonnes of oxygen, and lower the local temperature by three to five degrees Celsius. The wall will also significantly contribute

towards improving local air  
quality, by trapping  
approximately 500g of  
particulate matter (PM2.5 and  
PM10) per year. The project  
engages with the Urban  
Greening Policy set out in the  
GLA's draft New London Plan,  
incorporating strategies to  
encourage more and better  
urban greening, while adopting  
measures for an 'Urban  
Greening Factor' (UGF). With  
an UGF of 1.37, Citicape House  
exceeds the mandated 0.3 by  
over 45 times, setting the new  
standard for future  
developments in Greater  
London.

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## Map



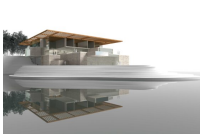
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