To transform the City of Dundee into a world leading waterfront destination for visitors and businesses through the enhancement of its physical, economic and cultural assets.

- Dundee Waterfront Vision
The £1 billion transformation of Dundee’s waterfront, which spans 240 hectares of land stretching 8km along the River Tay, is a strategic, focussed and forward-looking project that is propelling the city to international acclaim.

The city has just been officially recognised by the United Nations as a UNESCO City of Design – the first in the UK to be awarded the honour.

The V&A’s new V&A Museum of Design Dundee is due to be complete 2017. A number of Scotland’s largest companies are based within the city region, including Alliance Trust, Aviva, DC Thomson and Stagecoach. Hotels, businesses and retailers are reaping the rewards of the ongoing city transformation while expectant of significant growth potential as a further 7,000 jobs are created through the waterfront project.

Opportunities for developers, investors and a wide range of business ventures still exist in what is shaping up to be one of Western Europe’s most extensive and transformative waterfront projects and one of Scotland’s biggest waterfront regeneration projects.
Dundee’s setting is probably more extraordinary than any other city in the UK. It is about as ideal – ludicrously ideal – as any setting could be.

- Stephen Fry, Actor
The City of Dundee is located in a ‘ludicrously ideal’ setting on the banks of the River Tay. It is easily accessed from almost all of Scotland’s major towns and cities – 90% of Scotland’s population live within a 90 minute drive time of Dundee.

The city is a well established leader in academia. The University of Dundee, which has undergone a £200 million campus redevelopment, is internationally renowned for its life sciences research and nationally recognized for its Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design. The University of Abertay Dundee is a national leader in digital games. St Andrew’s University is within commuting distance.

The result is a young, educated, cosmopolitan city with the highest student to resident ratio in Scotland, and one of the highest in the UK. More than 35,000 students live in Dundee.

Dundee is a cultural city and was shortlisted for the UK City of Culture 2017. It is home to both the Scottish Dance Theatre and Scotland’s only full time acting company, Dundee Rep Theatre, and boasts a variety of cultural attractions including the McManus Art Gallery and Museum and Dundee Contemporary Arts, soon to be joined by the world-class V&A Museum of Design Dundee.

The impact of the waterfront regeneration is already being felt across the city and is set to continue to boost tourism and the desire for students, businesses and commuters to locate in Dundee. The Wellgate Centre will undergo a £21m investment next year to include an eight screen cinema and food hall. In 2012, leisure visitors generated over £142 million in expenditure and business tourism generated over £55 million to the local economy.

Dundee prides itself on the strong partnerships and good communications that exist between its council, its businesses and its institutions. This partnership ethos is continued through the waterfront project. The result is a strong, informed consensus group working towards the combined aim to make Dundee a world leading waterfront destination.

Overgate Centre Students

The Scientist magazine has named Dundee as the UK’s ‘best place to work in academia’ (2010, 2011) and the sixth best place in the world for scientists to work outside of the US.
The Waterfront Project

Central Waterfront Plot Sizes & Estimated Dates For Site Availability
The £1 billion Dundee waterfront project spans five focused development zones, which are strategically positioned in order to benefit from the existing city fabric and expertise. Individually each zone is important in the local economic outlook, together they are transformational.

The five zones are: Riverside | The Park, Seabraes | The Brae, The Central Waterfront | The Front, City Quay | The Quay and Dundee Port | The Port.

The waterfront development has been ranked the 3rd most active regeneration project in the UK (Planning Magazine, April 2012) and is expected to become Scotland’s first sustainable community (BREEAM), which will help developers to meet corporate governance obligations while offering the benefit of lower whole life development costs.

Currently in the final stage of the infrastructure project (2001-2031), the city landscape is changing at a steady pace. Over half of the £1 billion investment has already been committed, many developments have been completed and many are underway. For developers, investors and businesses, there is now an opportunity to take a strategic stake in the transformation of a city.

"A forward-thinking council has led the way in a bold regeneration of the waterfront and has followed rhetoric with hard money and action."

- Tim Allan, Unicorn Property Group

V&A Museum of Design Dundee
Welcome to Riverside Nature Park

Riverside Nature Park is a wonderful place to enjoy the many pleasures of nature. The park offers a wide range of activities, from birdwatching to picnicking, and is home to a variety of wildlife. Visitors can explore the trails, which lead to beautiful views of the river, or simply relax on the benches and enjoy the peaceful surroundings.

The park is also home to numerous species of birds, including the Canada goose, the mallard, and the great-tailed grackle. Visitors can see these birds up close, or watch them as they feed on the提供的食物。

The park is open from dawn to dusk, and is closed during the winter months. Visitors are encouraged to respect the wildlife and to leave the park as they found it. 

Riverside Nature Park

A place for everyone to enjoy the beauty of nature.
The Riverside zone is the main road, rail and air gateway to Dundee from the Scottish central lowlands. It accommodates Dundee Airport and there are proposals in place to create a rail stop and Park and Ride facilities to enable swift access to the other waterfront zones.

Riverside also provides recreation and sporting resources. A former landfill site has been transformed to create a 35 hectare nature park with views over the River Tay, which is intended to be used and accessed by all those living and working in the city. With stunning views across the river developers are currently building riverside apartments.

We need more Dundee’s if our societies are going to be places of ‘cultivation’.... Dundee’s mix of art and science means it is well placed to become a model for the 21st Century.

- Charles Hardy writing in The New Alchemists
Dundee is renowned for its expertise in digital media and creative industries. More than 350 businesses in the sector, employing more than 3300 people, are currently based in Dundee and the surrounding area generating a combined annual turnover in excess of £185 million.

The Seabraes zone is strategically positioned to build upon this reputation.

It is within walking distance of the V&A Museum of Design Dundee City Council site, University of Dundee, Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design, Dundee Contemporary Arts and the University of Abertay Dundee. Businesses involved in the computer games, animation and design oriented industries benefit from this easy access to potential collaborators and the zone is a hub for the digital media and creative industries. It is also home to the award winning Dundee Science Centre. A new pedestrian bridge is being created linking to the river the University campus and the Creative Media District.

A range of premises sizes and pricing to suit companies from the most basic start-ups to established businesses are available. Two sites have also been earmarked for residential development.

Seabraes is the city’s hub for digital media and cultural industries, unmatched anywhere else in Scotland.

- Gary Liddon, Ruffian Games

Seabraes | The Brae
Focus | Digital media and creative industries
Investment | £115 million
Development area | 4 hectares
Job creation | 1300
It’s not just a building that sits on the harbour, but it somehow appears to sit within it and within the land as well.

- Hannah Lawson, 2011 WAN Awards judging panel
The Central Waterfront is the focal point of the project which has involved the demolition of bridge ramps, roads and buildings, which previously separated the city centre from the waterfront.

In their place, a new grid iron street pattern, green civic space and attractive boulevards will reconnect the city with the waterfront to produce a stunning space that will be dominated by the award-winning V&A Museum of Design Dundee.

The V&A Museum of Design Dundee (due to be complete 2017) will be the only design museum outside of London and expect to attracts visitor numbers in excess of 275,000 annually.

The rail station will be rebuilt to provide a modern arrival point with a 120 bed hotel above operated by Sleeperz.

New hotels, commercial, leisure and residential outlets are required to support the expanding city and new development plots will be created.

The V&A at Dundee will bring reams of tourists to the city’s stunning waterfront, providing many additional jobs in the tertiary sector and introducing a new cultural venue on the River Tay.

City Quay lies to the immediate east of the Central Waterfront, occupying 10.5 hectares incorporating a potential marina. 750 new homes and apartments and more than 20,000 square metres of commercial space, including almost 10,000 square metres of modern office space divided into two waterfront buildings – River Court and City Court – has been created in City Quay. The Scottish Police’s forensic science headquarters are located in City Court while a new business community is thriving in renovated historic jute warehouses.

Further investment and development opportunities include the provision of support services for the adjacent Dundee Port activities, residential accommodation, and the creation of a marina in a former dock positioned within this zone.

Dundee enjoys perhaps the finest location of any Scottish city, spreading along the northern shore of the Firth of Tay.

- Lonely Planet, 2011

City Quay | The Quay
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Focus | Offices, leisure, residential, retail, marina
Investment | £204 million
Development area | 10.5 hectares
Job creation | 1110
The US-based Intelligent Community Forum has named Dundee as one of the seven most intelligent communities on earth (2007, 2008, 2010).
The Port of Dundee is the most northerly port owned by Forth Ports and is one of the largest economic generators in the city of Dundee. The port is strategically located on the east coast of Scotland, midway between Aberdeen and the central belt, and lies on the north side of the sheltered Firth of Tay. The port has the capacity to handle a wide range of bulk, agricultural and forest products. It is Scotland’s main agricultural hub with over 250,000 tonnes of agricultural products moving through the port annually.

The port provides inspection, repair and maintenance of jackup and semisubmersible drilling rigs and support vessels for the North Sea oil and gas industry.

The port has an extensive range of facilities:

- Storage areas
- Warehousing
- 150,000 tonnes of dedicated cereal shed storage capability
- Deepwater berths
- Heavy lift quaysides
- 25 hectares of Development land
- 24 hour access
- Six working berths
- 1600m of quayside
- No beam or air draft restrictions

The port has been identified as one of Scotland’s top locations for renewable manufacturing by Scottish Enterprise under the National Renewables Infrastructure Plan and is within the Scottish Government’s Low Carbon Renewables East Enterprise Area.

Dundee’s Port is one of Scotland’s most strategically important and suitable port locations for marine renewables.

- Dundee Renewables

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Timeline - major milestones
Dundee Waterfront Regeneration

2014
- Work starts on the creation of the central open space
- Malmaison Hotel opens

2013
- Dundee’s new Olympia Swimming and Leisure Centre is constructed. Demolition commences on the former building in the central waterfront

2012
- Tayside House Office Block demolished to make way for roads and central open space

2011
- The Scottish Government National Renewables Infrastructure Plan identifies Dundee Port as one of the key sites for support of offshore wind power developments
- The historic Telford Beacon is relocated within the Central Waterfront

2010
- Japanese architects Kengo Kuma & Associates announced as architects for the new V&A Museum Of Design Dundee
- Construction of a large stormwater drainage tank is completed in the Central Waterfront.

2009
- V&A Museum Of Design announced as a key part of the new Waterfront development. An international design competition is launched to appoint an architect
- Tay Road Bridge Ramps are realigned to facilitate the new road arrangements

2007
- Railway Tunnel strengthening works are completed.

2006
- Work commences on strengthening the Railway Tunnel
- Western Road Realignment works completed in March

2003
- Infrastructure works commence, funded by the Cities Growth Fund

2001
- Dundee Central Waterfront Masterplan Published

2000
- Major consultation takes place on the future of the Waterfront
- Sensation Science Centre opens at Seabraes

1998
- Draft Masterplan prepared
- Major study undertaken on the future potential of Dundee’s Waterfront
Be a part of it

Developers, investors and businesses wishing to become a part of this outstanding project are invited to contact us. The project’s partners are open to ideas and proposals for new developments that respond to changing markets and economies and we welcome you to put your ideas forward.

Detailed information regarding specific opportunities available, along with financial assistance packages and funding opportunities can also be provided.

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