

Phoenix Square rising

LEICESTER is rising to the challenge of the digital age with a fine new £21 million building.



Sensitively designed by award-winning architects, Phoenix Square brings together an independent arts cinema, digital production facilities and gallery, office studios and individually tailored homes, all under one roof, and right in the heart of the city's cultural quarter.

The new cinema will have three screens and will continue the tradition of the popular Phoenix Arts Centre by showing independent film and world cinema.

However, Phoenix Square will also be a creative hub for new technology in film, entertainment, art, enterprise, research and education.

Close links with De Montfort University's world-class research in new media and the digital arts will further raise the reputation of Leicester's Cultural Quarter for innovation and ingenuity.

Phoenix Square will have space for 37 new creative businesses – building on the success of Leicester Creative Business Depot – along with seven two-storey studio-office units and a public cafe/bar.

A total of 63 homes – each one individually designed – will also be incorporated.

Leicester City Council's cabinet member for regeneration, Cllr Patrick Kitterick, said: "I am delighted that the new Phoenix Square development will continue and build upon the popular reputation of Phoenix Arts in the city.

"The Cultural Quarter already features the impressive new Curve theatre and the successful LCB Depot, and I am confident that Phoenix Square will further raise the city's profile."

Ted Cassidy MBE, chair of the Phoenix Arts board said: "Phoenix Square is all about the exciting opportunities the digital future offers – but it's also about continuing to bring the quality of independent and world cinema to as wide as possible an audience in Leicester."

