QBE SIGNS MAJOR LEASE AT 388 GEORGE STREET

SYDNEY, 22 July 2019 — Brookfield Properties and Oxford Investa Property Partners (OIPP) have finalised an 11 year lease agreement for global insurance group, QBE, to occupy nine floors (over 11,950 square metres or ~128,600 square feet) at 388 George Street, Sydney.

QBE will relocate to the newly renovated space in December 2020. 388 George Street comprises a 28-level tower with approximately 35,000 square metres (~376,700 square feet) net lettable area. It is currently undergoing a significant refurbishment including extensive on-floor works, upgrades to the lifts and end of trip facilities, as well as new and expanded ground floor retail. Upon completion, the tower will offer versatile floor plates that are connected by five spectacular light-filled atriums.

Danny Poljak, Executive Vice President and Co-Head for Brookfield Properties in Australia said, “We are pleased to welcome QBE to a reinvigorated 388 George Street. QBE’s commitment is reflective of the capital we are investing in the property and we look forward to working with them in creating a high quality workspace.”

Alec Harper, Director, Investments & Asset Management for Oxford, owner of the OIPP portfolio said, “We are very proud to welcome an occupant the calibre of QBE to the building, reflective of the best in class workplace being delivered at 388 George Street.”

Vivek Bhatia, Chief Executive Officer at QBE Australia Pacific, said: “We have developed a detailed approach to our property strategy to ensure it aligns with our future-focused agenda. It allows for changes in workplace practices, support of multiple working styles, such as flexibility and collaboration, and will improve the employee experience with a focus on wellbeing. The changes also offer QBE an opportunity to reduce costs by improving the efficiency of the space it occupies.”

Its prime location on the corner of George and King Street ensures that 388 George Street is well placed to benefit from the George Street light rail and regeneration of Sydney’s CBD.

The PCA A-Grade tower is targeting a 5 Star NABERS Energy rating and a 4 Star NABERS Water rating. Works to the site are progressing well with completion expected in 2020.

Other tenants who will occupy 388 George Street include First State Super.

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