

# Bentley Systems opens new UK headquarters in London

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Infrastructure engineering software company **Bentley Systems Incorporated** (Bentley Systems) has opened a new UK headquarters in London, marking the beginning of its 40th anniversary celebrations. The office is located at 8 Bishopsgate, a new landmark 50-story tower on the corner of Bishopsgate and Leadenhall Street in the City of London.

Bentley Systems said that the office includes an interactive experience centre, featuring a digital twin of London. It hopes that the space will foster networking and inspire discussion around the future of infrastructure delivery and performance.

During the office-opening event, Bentley Systems was joined by representatives from real estate group LendLease, which served as construction manager for 8 Bishopsgate, the first tower to achieve a BREEAM Outstanding designation and an EPC A rating, markers of its sustainability and energy efficiency. Bentley System's structural engineering software and SYNCHRO construction management software, part of Bentley Infrastructure Cloud, were used on the project.

Bentley Systems was also joined at the event by representatives from engineering and construction company, Laing O'Rourke, which discussed their work on the new Everton football stadium in Liverpool; Network Rail, which discussed their use of digital tools to enhance operational efficiency and reliability across the asset lifecycle; and Balfour Beatty VINCI, a joint venture between two leaders in infrastructure

delivery, which discussed their work on HS2. Bentley software is used in each project.

Founded by the Bentley brothers in 1984, Bentley Systems has been operating in the UK since 1994. Its software has been used to support Crossrail, HS2, Heathrow, National Highways, Network Rail, Thames Power Tunnels, Thames Tideway, and other significant organizations and projects.

Bentley Systems CEO Greg Bentley said: “It is only fitting to begin our 40th anniversary celebrations in the UK, where we are also marking 30 years in business. Our new London home, 8 Bishopsgate, represents the best of British infrastructure and demonstrates the increasing importance of both going digital and prioritizing sustainability to improve infrastructure delivery and performance.”

#### New appointments

The company has also announced new UK-based leadership roles in key areas:

- Nathan Marsh has been appointed Senior Vice President and Regional Executive, responsible for leading the strategy, growth, and management of regional accounts and services. Marsh was formerly Chief Digital Officer of Turner & Townsend, a leading provider of program management services, and prior to that served in executive roles in digital consultancy businesses at Costain, Atkins, Aon, and Ernst & Young.
- Mark Coates has been promoted to Vice President of Infrastructure Policy Advancement. A leading voice within the infrastructure community with more than 30 years of experience in global project delivery, Coates promotes the benefits of going digital across the infrastructure lifecycle. He is a fellow of both the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation and the Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors and recently served as chairman of the British Water Forum.
- Greg Demchak has been promoted to Vice President of Emerging Technologies within the office of the Chief Technology Officer. For the last 24 years, he has focused on designing and bringing to market virtual design, construction, and operations applications and platforms, including immersive experiences. Educated as an architect, he also holds a degree in design computation from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.