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CAMPFIELD

PROSPECTUS 2025



DESIGNED FOR COLLABORATION BUILT FOR IMPACT

Campfield is a next-generation campus designed for the technology and creative industries. Set across 135,000 sq ft of reimagined heritage buildings, it offers world-class facilities and cutting-edge infrastructure to power growth, support innovation, and tackle global challenges.

The core design of Campfield is redefining the modern workplace with a future-focused environment built for deep tech, media, and socially driven enterprises. The iconic glass-roofed

market halls provide flexible, creation-centric spaces that are designed to inspire productivity and encourage collaboration.

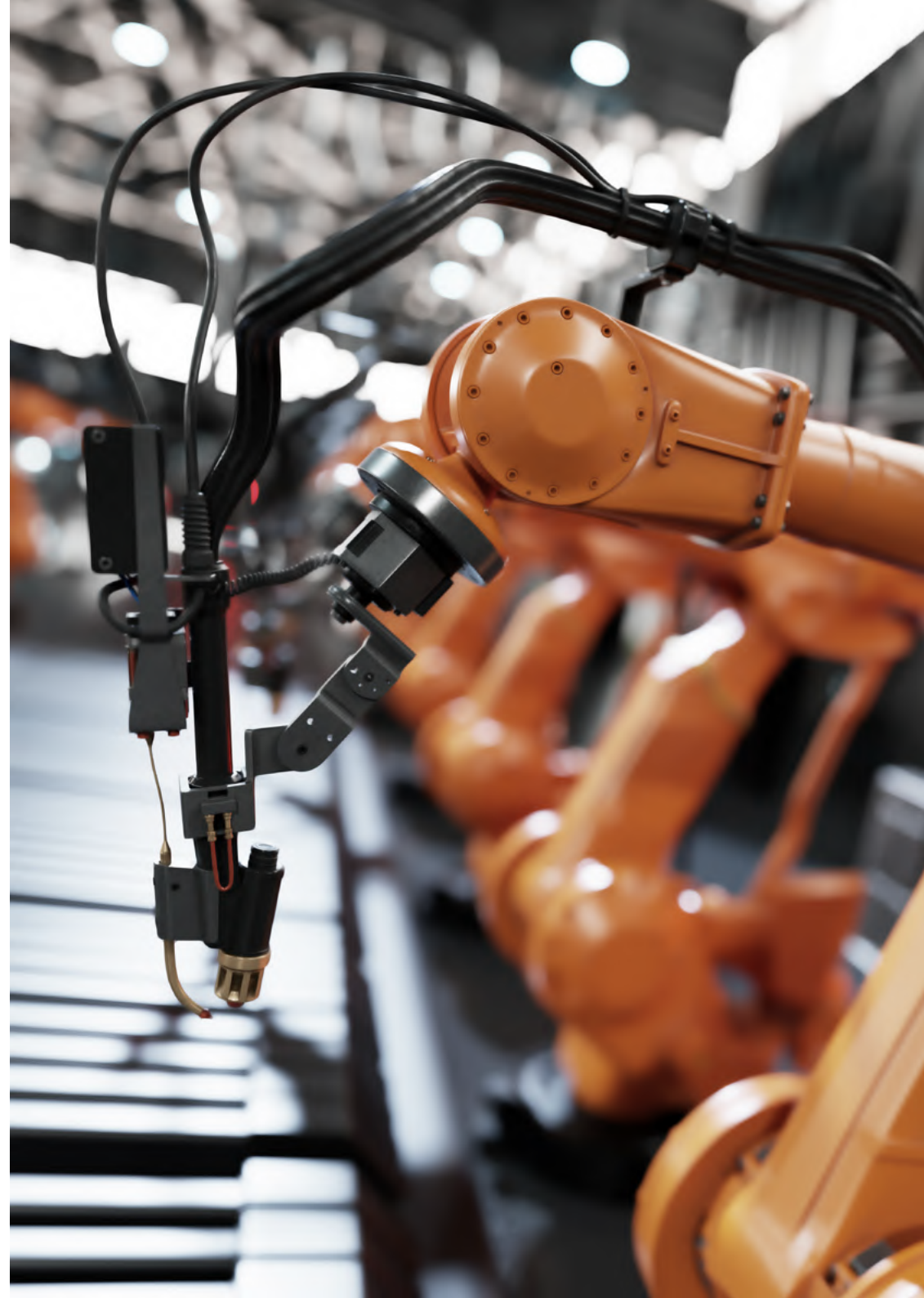
Campfield is more than a workplace, it's a vibrant community destination. Campfield House brings people together with a café, bar, versatile event spaces, and a regular weekend market, celebrating creativity, local culture, and opening the campus to the public once again.



It's a global catalyst
& creative platform.

A modern community for:

- Deep**
- Tech**
- Media**
- Innovation**
- Social**
- Progress**



THE CAMPUS

Campfield is shaping Manchester into a global powerhouse of tech and innovation, where visionary thinking transforms into world-changing solutions.

Where Bold Ideas Become Global Breakthroughs

As the UK's next-generation technology campus and the innovation centre of St. John's, Campfield supports a bold new era of excellence, empowering businesses to deliver breakthroughs with real societal impact.

We believe bold ideas are the catalyst for meaningful change. That's why Campfield exists: to empower start-ups, scale-ups, and established enterprises to grow, thrive, and tackle the world's most pressing technological, environmental, and social challenges.

Through the Exchange programme and the operational expertise of Department, Campfield offers a powerful platform, combining cutting-edge infrastructure, tailored support, and a collaborative campus community. Our mission is to ensure that today's pioneers become tomorrow's leaders, driving sustainable success and lasting global impact.

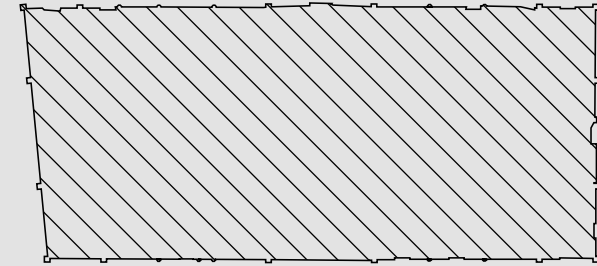


Campfield is where original creation comes to life – a modern campus spanning three buildings, Campfield brings together tech, digital, media, and creative industries, offering world-class spaces, expert support, and cutting-edge infrastructure.

As a micro cluster the power of community drives innovation. With a concentration of talent and ambition in one location, it becomes a vibrant hub for experimental ideas, bold ventures, and breakthrough innovations fuelling a culture of creativity and collective progress.

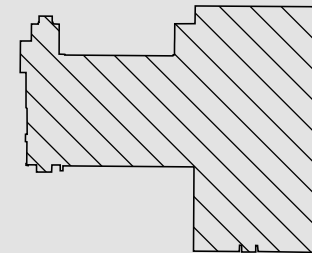


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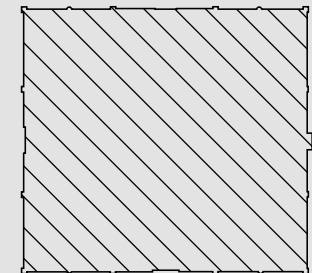
Campfield offers flexible workspaces, cutting-edge studios, and a vibrant central hospitality hub – Campfield House – with a café, bar, and events space. Managed by Department, the campus features private offices, creative studios, coworking areas, workshops, and meeting rooms.

Castlefield House



A dynamic media workspace and hospitality hub, offering a Bauhaus-inspired design tailored for media and tech companies and a spacious courtyard café.

Campfield Studios



A series of creative and media studios with production spaces and dramatic central atrium event studio for creative happenings, film and TV shoots, events, exhibitions, product launches, as well as groundbreaking virtual production.



Campus Community

A vibrant, boundary-pushing community that brings together tech, media, & creative industries.

This new campus is a thriving ecosystem located within Manchester's iconic St. John's district. By blending diverse tech, digital and creative sectors, Campfield creates a one-of-a-kind environment where collaboration and innovation come to life.

Department

Department delivers state-of-the-art workspaces tailored to every member's needs.

As Campfield's workspace operator, Department delivers exceptional design, flexibility, and service. From co-work and premium offices to fully equipped labs and studios, it provides the ideal environment for businesses to grow and succeed.

Bespoke Facilities

Re-imagined & re-designed for the future of work & technological advancement.

With cutting-edge studios, labs, workspaces, and hospitality, Campfield is built for tech and creative industries. Whether pioneering breakthroughs, hosting world-class content, its facilities drive innovation and success.

Exchange

Tech accelerator at the forefront of driving the next wave of tech & digital innovation.

Exchange, one of the UK's leading tech incubators, empowers ambitious start-ups and scale-ups in deep-tech fields like climate, mobility, materials, and media. By providing game-changing support, it positions Campfield as a launchpad for tackling global challenges.

Hospitality, Retail & Events

Campfield House features all-day café & dining, a buzzing bar, & a dynamic lineup of events.

Campfield is more than just a workspace – it's a lifestyle. The campus seamlessly combines workspaces with leisure, offering weekend markets, pop-up retail, and a full calendar of cultural experiences, all designed to enrich both work and life at Campfield.



Spanning three buildings, the Campfield Campus provides a comprehensive suite of facilities, including:

Workspaces & Studios

A variety of flexible workspaces, suites, studios, experimental spaces, and labs tailored for creativity and collaboration. Over half the floor space is designed to be non-traditional desk space, including spaces to work in collaboration.

Event & Activation Spaces

Versatile spaces for events, media production, filming, and content creation. A mix of private, open plan and public spaces designed to accommodate creative, cultural and community activities.

Meeting & Collaboration Spaces

Campfield offers unique meeting spaces throughout the Campus, all designed to inspire, including stylish and creative meeting lounges that blend sophistication with innovation. These thoughtfully crafted spaces are ideal for meetings, workshops and presentations.

OPERATED by DEPARTMENT

Department Campfield offers private offices, creative studios & coworking for tech & creative innovation.

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Workspaces
Where People And
Businesses Succeed
Together.





DEPARTMENT CAMPFIELD

Department operates Campfield, offering flexible workspaces, private offices, creative studios, and coworking. Combining workspace, wellness, and social experiences, Department prioritises work-life balance through exceptional design, choice, and service.

With a leading portfolio spanning iconic listed warehouses and contemporary, sustainable buildings, each Department location fosters collaboration, creativity, and a vibrant community. These are spaces where enterprise meets experience, designed to inspire and support growth.

Department Campfield

Department Campfield is specifically tailored to the tech, media, and creative industries. It redefines working environments by providing spaces that empower people and businesses to succeed together.

Built on the philosophy of ultimate choice and flexibility, Department offers solutions for every need, from hot desks and coworking areas to private offices and creative studios.

The Department Passport

Members enjoy exclusive access to coworking spaces, creative studios, podcasting suites, production facilities, gyms, and award-winning food and drink establishments.

Department's passport also extends beyond the workspace, offering curated partner benefits and access to food, drink, and cultural experiences in the surrounding neighbourhoods.



We create opportunities for our communities to succeed by focusing on choice, design and exceptional service. We are home to the greatest talent across start-ups, SMEs and large enterprises, and we're proud to be a space where people love to work.

ANCHORED by **Exchange**

Supporting the Tech
& Digital Industry.

The Exchange Programme supports ambitious tech, digital, and creative businesses by giving them access to the tools, knowledge, and community they need to scale and succeed.

The Programme fosters a lasting, collaborative network of forward-thinking entrepreneurs, driving innovation and sustainable growth.

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Exchange:
pioneering the
future of tech,
digital & creative
working.



WHY EXCHANGE?

We support businesses by providing the space, resources and connections they need to grow. This includes flexible workspace, access to wellness and social facilities, and support from a network of industry experts, venture partners, mentors and advisors.

We also run a varied programme of events, from hands-on workshops and upskilling sessions to talks led by experienced speakers. At the heart of the programme is a collaborative community of ambitious entrepreneurs. As businesses develop, we continue to support them through ongoing access to space and community as part of our alumni offer.

**We
Provide:**
Network
Knowledge
Space

OVER THE LAST FIVE
YEARS WE HAVE
SUPPORTED

1,000
INDIVIDUALS
ACROSS
OVER **220**
BUSINESSES.

288
JOBS

Within five years
288 jobs have been
created whilst on the
programme.

1,300
JOBS

Exchange alumni have
gone on to create
1,300 jobs.

£19+ MILLION

Businesses have raised over £19m funding during their time on the Programme.

£78.1+ MILLION

Our alumni have gone on to raise over £78.1m in funding.

TWO LOCATIONS

Manchester / St. John's
Leeds / Leeds Dock

**Our Support & Knowledge
Network Includes:**

35+ MENTORS & ADVISERS

18 INDUSTRY PARTNERS

14 VENTURE PARTNERS



CAMPFIELD HOUSE

Campfield House

Campfield House is the city's newest destination for socialising and entertainment, opening its doors to all.

The Campfield House café is the perfect spot to grab an artisanal coffee or a bite to eat, while the event space hosts talks, performances and exhibitions under the building's iconic glass roof. Perched on the mezzanine level overlooking the central atrium, the Campfield House bar is a stylish space that comes to life in the evenings with an extensive wine list and a menu of exceptional cocktails. Regular DJ sets and curated events create the perfect backdrop for after-work drinks.

The Weekender

At weekends, the campus transforms with a curated makers market, music, creative classes, kids' activities, top street food, delicious beverages and a few creative surprises. Expect bakers, brewers, jewellers, florists, beekeepers, distillers, crafters, printers, picklers, illustrators, chefs and more all trading under the magnificent skylights of Campfield.

THE WEEK ENDER.





PART OF MANCHESTER'S NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD

Campfield is part of St. John's, where big-name brands mix with innovative start-ups in the thriving mixed-use neighbourhood.

You'll find everything you need from inspiring workspaces to invigorating health and wellness activities; bars to independent restaurants and cafes. St. John's serves as the gateway to this new district, fostering a vibrant community rooted in collaboration, opportunities, and exciting experiences.

Campfield forms a fundamental part of the tech, media and creative district, St. John's, which is already home to global industry leaders such as Booking.com, Streamland, BBC, ITV, VERSA Studios, Cloud Imperium Games, WPP and Dentsu, plus many more. As well as the UK's most dynamic new cultural landmark Aviva Studios. A digital arts centre that has been designed to provide ultra-flexible space that can be adapted to facilitate the most ambitious artistic set-up on a colossal scale.

Aviva Studios, the largest investment in a national cultural project in the UK since the opening of London's Tate Modern in 2000, further cements St. John's as the North's new creative capital.

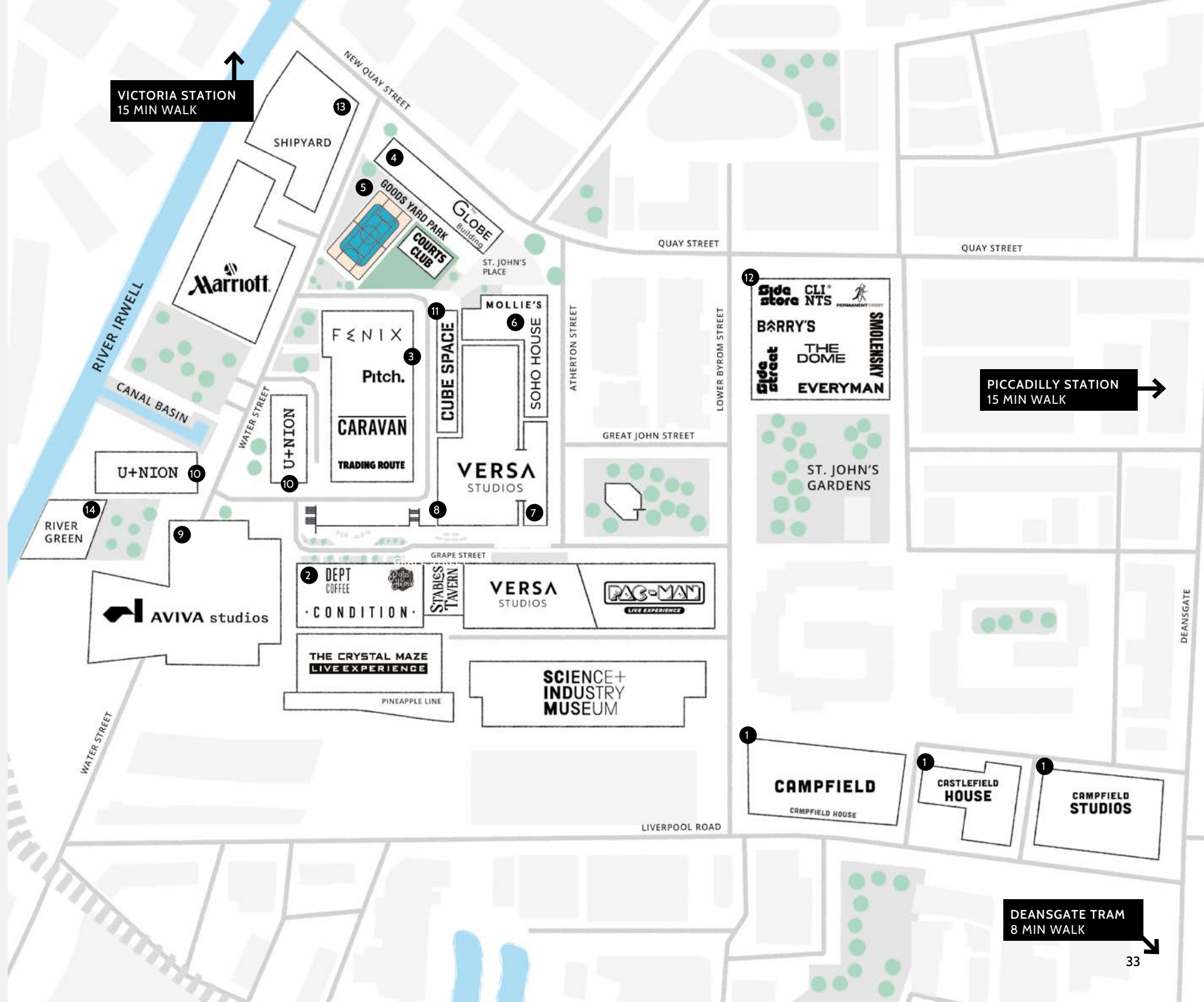
This dominant portfolio of magnet tenants and inventory demand a pipeline of talent to sustain its growth and dynamism of creation and innovation that can only be achieved through investment into future talent.

Campfield has been designed to underpin the development of this talent pipeline, targeting, and facilitating the evolution of a tech, media and creative community that will subsequently feed the future of innovation in the City and beyond.

To find out more visit:
stjohnsmanchester.com

ST. JOHN'S

1. CAMPFIELD
2. Bonded Warehouse
3. Manchester Goods Yard
4. The Globe Building
5. Goods Yard Park
6. Old Granada Studios
7. Transmission
8. VERSA Studios
9. Aviva Studios
10. Union
11. Cube Space
12. ABC
13. Shipyard
14. River Green



HISTORY of CAMPFIELD

Over 140 Years of History

Campfield has been a cornerstone of public life in Manchester for over 140 years, serving as a vibrant hub for locals and attracting visitors from far and wide. Its iconic architecture and prime location have made the Campfield buildings household names, housing various functions across decades – from fresh food markets to trading floors, exhibition centres to wartime factories, and even an aeronautical museum to a theatrical venue.

1878 Original Design

The Upper and Lower Campfield Market Halls were designed by the Manchester architectural firm Mangnall and Littlewoods. Positioned on either side of St. Matthew's Church, which stood between the halls until its demolition in 1951, the market complex was completed in 1878.

Both halls began as fresh produce markets open to the public. However, the Lower Campfield Market Hall quickly evolved into a venue for travelling exhibitions, hosting notable events like the 1882 'Smoke Abatement Exhibition'. By 1900, it ceased functioning as a market and was enclosed to create a more versatile exhibition space, later transforming into the City Exhibition Hall in 1909. Meanwhile, the Upper Campfield Market retained its role as a cheese and vegetable market.

1909 The City Exhibition Hall

Lower Campfield building hosted a variety of trade shows and entertainment events and became a focal point for public gatherings and creative displays.



Illustration of the covered Lower and Upper Campfield Market Halls by architects Mangnall and Littlewoods from *The British Architect and Northern Engineer*, March 1877. Image from Manchester Libraries, Information and Archives.



Traders and customers haggle at the Upper Campfield cheese and vegetable market in 1926. Image from Manchester Libraries, Information and Archives.



The City Exhibition Hall in 1914. This photo was taken just one month before the First World War. Image from Manchester Libraries, Information and Archives.

1920 Wartime Contributions

During both First and Second World Wars, Lower Campfield was repurposed as an indoor parade ground and, later, as a place for testing fuses for explosive shells.



Photograph showing the empty interior of the building in 1922. The cavernous open space within the Lower Campfield Market building made it a useful space. Image from Manchester Libraries, Information and Archives.



Visitors enjoy the 1938 Manchester Centenary Exhibition hosted in Lower Campfield Market Hall. The Manchester Parks Service created an indoor park to celebrate and promote civic services. Image published in the Manchester Guardian 4 May 1938, reproduced from a copy held by Manchester Libraries, Information and Archives.

1945 Post-War Renaissance

After 1945, the Lower Campfield Market re-emerged as a popular exhibition venue, hosting trade shows like the Brighter Homes and Ideal Homes exhibitions.



As City Hall in 1961. Image from the Town Hall Photographer's Collection, Manchester Libraries, Information and Archives.

1983 The Manchester Air & Space Museum

Opening in March 1983, the Manchester Air & Space Museum celebrated the city's contributions to aviation.



Lower Campfield Gallery Hall, 1982. Photograph by Dr Alan Curry. Courtesy of the Science & Industry Museum.



The front page of issue number 1 of the Newsletter of the Friends of the Manchester Air & Space Museum, March 1983.

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2025 Campfield Today & The Future

The Campfield Campus is setting a new global standard for innovation excellence. Importantly, it's once again open for social gatherings and for the public to enjoy.



Campfield February 2025. Refurbishment underway in the central atrium of Campfield. © Allied London.

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