

Computershare Investor Services PLC The Pavilions

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Bristol, Monday 25 July 2016 – Computershare will again open its doors to the public for guided tours of its listed headquarters, The Pavilions on Bridgwater Road, on Saturday 10 September 2016, the financial services company has announced.

Every year thousands of people across the country can visit otherwise inaccessible buildings of architectural interest across the country as part of annual Heritage Open Days, and for the second year Computershare's offices will join several others across the city taking part in 'Bristol Opening Doors', organised by the Architecture Centre.

Naz Sarkar, Chief Executive Officer for Computershare in the UK, said: "The Pavilions is an iconic architectural treasure, and this year we'll again be inviting members of the public to look round and learn more.

"Many local people tell us that the building has played a significant role in their lives, including those who have worked here or visited over the years and many who were involved in its construction.

"Over the last few years we've invested in modernising the building in a way that respects its unique architectural features while also creating a workplace that suits a growing, modern business; and we hope that visitors will learn more about its past – as well as its promising future."

The Pavilions were given listed status by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport in January 2015 following a recommendation from Historic England (formerly English Heritage).

In its report, Historic England described the building as "an excellent example of a lowenergy commercial building of the 1970s."

The financial services firm is the second largest private sector employer in the Bristol City Council local authority area, with almost 1,500 people working at The Pavilions.

RELEAS **NEVS** Enjoying views over the surrounding countryside and towards Brunel's Clifton Suspension Bridge, it was one of 14 post-war buildings to be recognised nationally.

The environmentally-friendly building was designed by Arup Associates and was influenced by the principles of architect Frank Lloyd Wright, the Arts and Crafts Movement.

Construction began in 1975 and took three years to finish.

Originally housing the former Central Electricity Generating Board, owners Computershare recently invested \pounds 13 million in a refurbishment that created local jobs and ensured the building is fit for modern working practices while remaining sympathetic to its original design.

The firm recently introduced new, larger bike sheds for employees and operates allotments and bee hives in its grounds.

Tours will take place every 45 minutes between 11am and 2.30pm, each with a capacity of 22 people.

Visitors on the day must book a place on a tour via <u>www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bristol-</u><u>open-doors-at-the-pavilions-tickets-26302284842?utm_term=eventurl_text</u>.

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