

# All the world's a Stage development as Galliard launches £750m plan

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GALLIARD Homes yesterday launched its £750m development on the site of William Shakespeare's former theatre The Curtain in east London.

The aptly-named Stage development, which coincides with the 400th anniversary of the Bard's death this year, will lie on top of the land where Romeo & Juliet and Henry V were first

performed, just off Curtain Road in Shoreditch. Designed by architects Perkins & Wills, the scheme will have a 37-storey residential tower, comprising 412 apartments and penthouses. Prices will start from £695,000 and sales will launch on 17 March.

Two offices buildings will provide more than 275,000 square feet of space for "blue-chip companies", Galliard said, as well as shops on the

ground floor. The development will be centred on a 1.28-acre public square that will showcase the sunken remains of the theatre, which was uncovered in 2011.

Work on the scheme – a joint venture between Galliard and Cain Hoy, McCourt, Vanke and The Estate Office Shoreditch – is expected to kick off in April and is due to complete in the first quarter of 2019.



Bard's shard: The Stage development in Shoreditch is due to complete in the first quarter of 2019