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New hotel planned for One Blackfriars

Bankside will open in September 2018 on the south bank of the Thames, with interiors by Dayna Lee of Powerstrip Studios.

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Bankside blends 161 airy rooms and suites with 'white cube' spaces for meetings and events, co-working areas and a relaxed neighbourhood-style restaurant and bar with an outdoor terrace.

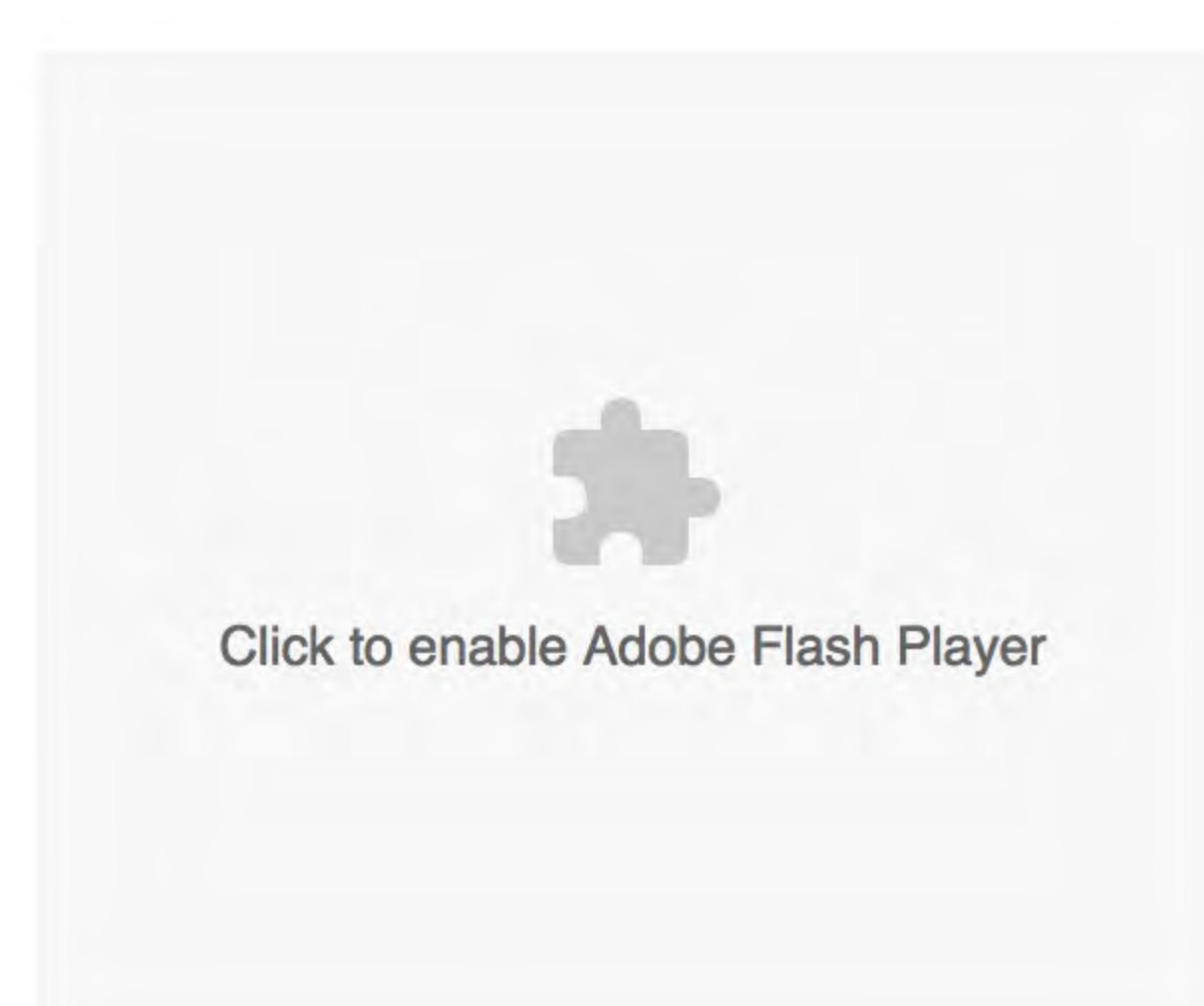
The six-storey glass building that houses Bankside is part of the striking One Blackfriars development from award-winning architect Ian Simpson.

Its contemporary exterior lines belie the timeless interiors by film set producer-turned-interiors architect, Dayna Lee of **Powerstrip Studios**. Here, a mid-century modern aesthetic is balanced by an eclectic mix of bespoke furniture and art that celebrates local craftsmanship and heritage. Bankside's light-filled spaces have been thoughtfully curated to deliver a residential feel.

"We wanted to create a genuine boutique hotel for the modern mindset, with calm rooms and creative public spaces that reflect the vibrant, history-steeped community of SE1," Dayna explains. "We've had fun celebrating the local artistic community including post-kiln pottery drying racks for shelves, kid-leather-covered furnishings conjuring an 'art school' experience and punctuating these with lots of luxurious, custom-made features."

In one of London's most artistic and vibrant neighbourhoods, Bankside will be dialled in to the local community, serving as a creative space for the surrounding area as well as welcoming guests from all over the world.

Sustainability is at the core of Bankside, with in-room power-saving elements, rooftop beehives, an aim of zero waste landfill, sustainably-sourced wood and the use of non-or low-VOC paints throughout.



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