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BCLP EXPANDS REAL ESTATE MANCHESTER TEAM WITH ITS FIRST REAL ESTATE FINANCE PARTNER HIRE

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BCLP announced that Taslima Salam will join the firm on November 7 as a partner in BCLP's market-leading Real Estate Finance Team. She will join from Eversheds Sutherland and be based at BCLP's Manchester office.

Following a highly successful period of growth for the firm both nationally and internationally, BCLP is strengthening its Real Estate Sector Team in Manchester to meet continuously growing demand from clients and to increase the breadth, depth and capability of the team. Taslima will be the first BCLP Real Estate Finance partner in the UK outside of London and will head up the BCLP Real Estate Finance (REF) regional team, which consists of associates, trainees, paralegals and apprentices in both Manchester and Southampton.

This addition underscores the firm's commitment to Manchester and to regional operations and is the first step in what will be a rapid period of growth for the BCLP Real Estate Team more broadly. Both Manchester and Southampton play a strategically important role in the BCLP Real Estate offering in the UK.

Taslima is a leading Real Estate Finance lawyer in Manchester and brings with her a wealth of experience in Real Estate Finance, having acted for corporate borrowers, developers, house builders, clearing banks, debt fund and government institutions, as well advising on corporate lending transactions and strategic projects for clients. She is listed in the latest Legal 500 as a Next Generation Partner.

Passionate about championing female finance lawyers, Taslima has devised and led initiatives to retain and promote female lawyers as well as leading on inclusion and diversity initiatives and *pro bono* matters.

Enhancing the firm's REF capabilities in Manchester with such an important and market-leading hire is the first step in bolstering the Real Estate Team in Manchester for BCLP and signals a strong appetite for bringing in the very best real estate talent, at all levels, into regional offices. The firm is committed to making sure that regional teams are at the heart of the very best work for clients, no matter where they may be.

Samant Narula, UK Head of Real Estate said: “I am delighted to be able to welcome Taslima to our team, where her capabilities will boost and strengthen our already well regarded Real Estate Finance Practice. We’re continuing to invest heavily in both our people and offices, such as Manchester, aligned to the firm’s global growth strategy of which real estate is a key growth engine focus.”

Naveen Vijn, UK head of Real Estate Finance said: “We are delighted that Taslima is joining our team. With Taslima’s focus on strengthening our regional REF team and enhancing our exceptional client delivery, REF will continue its extraordinary growth to become the world’s leading Real Estate Finance legal platform.”

Taslima added: “I am thrilled to be joining BCLP’s top-tier team at this very exciting stage of an ambitious growth strategy for Manchester and its regional REF offering, and very much looking forward to bringing my skills and experience to further bolster an already thriving global practice.”

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