

# GET LIVING APPOINTS RICK DE BLABY TO GROW ITS PLATFORM

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**Get Living Group, the UK's leading large scale residential investment company, backed by clients of Delancey, Qatari Diar and APG, has appointed Rick de Blaby as Executive Vice Chairman.**

Focused on growing Get Living Group's platform, Rick will work alongside CEO Neil Young and Non-Executive Chairman Stuart Corbyn. Get Living Group has 2,000 homes for rent at East Village, E20 and its soon-to-launch second location in Elephant and Castle.

Stuart Corbyn, Non-Executive Chairman of Get Living Group, commented: "With a strong track record in urban regeneration, Rick brings more than 35 years of development and customer focused management experience, across both residential and commercial property. His expertise, both at the real estate and corporate level, is highly complementary to the existing skills of our management team. We have been pioneers in the large scale residential investment sector since our start and will continue be at the forefront of this exciting, innovative sector, setting new standards of experience for those renting homes."

Rick de Blaby, who was CEO at MEPC for nine years before joining London residential developer United House to direct its restructure, said: "The opportunity to work with three such insightful investors and the dynamic team at Get Living couldn't be more exciting. The team's focus on creating experiences that people love and places they can call their own is embedded throughout the business, and is an extremely attractive proposition."

Neil Young, CEO Get Living Group, added: "We're absolutely delighted to welcome Rick to the business. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience. I'm very much looking forward to working closely with him in further growing the Get Living Group footprint and management expertise."



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## Notes to Editors

### About Get Living

Get Living Group is the UK's leading large scale residential investment company, backed by clients of Delancey, Qatari Diar and APG. Its platform business, Get Living London, is a true pioneer in the private rental sector, changing for the better the way that people rent in cities.

The first Get Living London homes at East Village, E20, the former London 2012 Athletes' Village, are now home to more than 2,800 residents. Get Living London lets homes directly to residents and is making renting straightforward and convenient for its customers. Get Living London was recognised as Private Landlord of the Year at both the 2016 and 2015 RESI Awards.

[www.getlivinglondon.com](http://www.getlivinglondon.com)

### About Qatari Diar

Qatari Diar Real Estate Investment Company is wholly owned by the Qatar Investment Authority, the sovereign wealth fund of the State of Qatar, and was established to coordinate the country's real estate development priorities. The company is currently involved in more than 39 signature projects in more than 21 countries around the world with a combined value of over \$35bn.

With a significant UK presence, Qatari Diar boasts key projects including East Village, Chelsea Barracks, comprising a rare collection of apartments in Belgravia, and Southbank Place, a mixed use development on the Southbank of the Thames comprising 137,234 m<sup>2</sup> of office, residential, retail and leisure spaces. Qatari Diar has also recently acquired the US embassy's Chancery Building, at 24-31 Grosvenor Square, broadening Qatari Diar's already impressive estate portfolio in London.

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## About Delancey

Delancey is a specialist real estate investment, development and advisory company with over 25 years' experience. Delancey has a diverse portfolio of retail, residential, office and corporate assets across London and the UK, including the Alpha Plus Group, Elephant & Castle Shopping Centre and 185 Park Street on the South Bank. Delancey is also a pioneer in the private rented sector and has spent much of the last few years bringing the legacy of the London 2012 Olympics to life; delivering over 3,000 homes for rent at the award-winning East Village, the former London 2012 Athletes Village; and revealing the UK's leading creative and digital hub at Here East, the former Olympic Press and Broadcast Centre, which will provide over 4,500 jobs on-site and an expected additional 2,000 jobs in the local area.

Delancey's work is not simply restricted to bricks and mortar. Founder and CEO Jamie Ritblat and his team are conscious to ensure they have a positive impact on the environment, its local community and future generations. As well as contributing to relevant cultural and educational initiatives local to their developments, Delancey was awarded a Gold Medal at the Centenary Chelsea Flower Show with an 'East Village' garden - which was later re-located by the charity Groundwork London to a Children's play area in East London. Delancey also looks to support young, future stars as Principal Sponsor of British Ski and Snowboard, supporter of Disability Snowsport UK, charity partner to Snow-Camp and sole sponsor of the UK Schools Chess Challenge. More recently, Delancey became the first ever sponsor of the National Portrait Gallery's School and Learning programme.

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## About APG

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