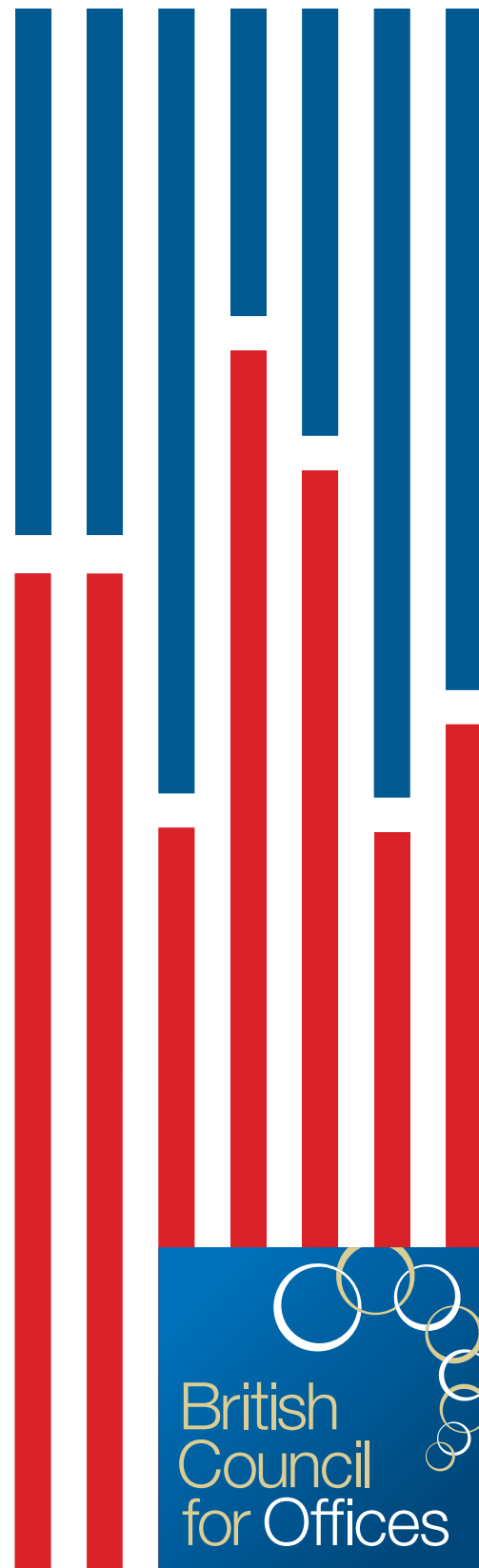


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WHAT IS BCO?

The British Council for Offices (BCO) exists to research, develop and communicate best practice in all aspects of the office sector. It delivers this by providing a forum for discussion and debate of relevant issues.

The BCO works to promote co-operation and understanding between landlord and tenant, investor and developer and owner and occupier, thereby improving efficiency and innovation in the sector.

WHO BELONGS TO THE BCO?

The BCO invites applications for membership from organisations and individuals involved in creating, acquiring or occupying office space, in both private and public sectors. It works to advance the collective understanding of its members, enabling them to work together to create more effective office space.

bco.org.uk/membership

The Chicago 2015 experience will be completed with a spectacular Gala Dinner on a cruise boat on Lake Michigan, looking back at the fabulous city shoreline – this is not a Conference to miss.

In the year of the BCO's 25th anniversary, we will be taking you to the place where the modern office began – Chicago, a city which has re-invented itself repeatedly and which is facing up to many of the challenges and opportunities that all global metropolises are grappling with.

In our first long haul adventure since the highly successful visit to New York in 2007, the Chicago 2015 Conference will be bringing together leading and highly influential figures from both sides of the Atlantic to discuss the economic impact of new technologies and changing demographics, not just on the way that we work, but also on the way that we live and on the places where we live.

What are cities having to do to accommodate these new work-styles, and the aspirations of a highly mobile and highly skilled work force? And how are the workplaces that we are producing re-inventing themselves in order to adapt to this rush of change?

Not only will delegates be able to consider and discuss these topical issues with their peers from home and from the USA, but also every afternoon of the Conference will be packed with the opportunity to explore different aspects of Chicago's incredibly rich architectural heritage, from the turn of the last century right up to the modern day.

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INTRO”

SOMETHING'S AMAZING!



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- 1 IN 1885, CHICAGO BECAME HOME TO THE FIRST SKYSCRAPER, THE HOME INSURANCE BUILDING, WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY NINE STORIES TALL.
 - 2 THE WRIGLEY BUILDING WAS THE FIRST AIR-CONDITIONED OFFICE BUILDING.
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 - 4 CHICAGO'S WESTERN AVENUE IS THE WORLD'S LONGEST CONTINUOUS STREET, AT 23.5 MILES.
 - 5 THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO HOLDS THE LARGEST COLLECTION OF IMPRESSIONIST PAINTINGS OUTSIDE THE LOUVRE IN PARIS.
 - 6 CHICAGO IS HOME TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF 8 FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES.
 - 7 THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY WAS CREATED DIRECTLY FROM THE ASHES OF THE GREAT CHICAGO FIRE IN 1871.
 - 8 CHICAGO RIVER IS THE ONLY RIVER IN THE WORLD THAT FLOWS BACKWARDS.
 - 9 HISTORIC ROUTE 66 BEGINS IN CHICAGO.

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YOUR CHOICE FOR EACH
SESSION.”



PROGRAMME PLANNER



WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2015

09:00-17:00	The BCO Golf Cup Olympia Fields Country Club		
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22:00	Chicago Blues Evening Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers	Sponsored by	

THURSDAY 21 MAY 2015

09:00-10:30	Session 1 Plenary: The State of the Nations Chairman: Richard Kauntze, Chief Executive, British Council for Offices Speakers: David Blanchflower CBE, Professor of Economics, Dartmouth College Robert Guest, American Editor, The Economist Roy March, Chief Executive, Eastdil Secured		
10:30-11:15	Morning Coffee	Sponsored by	
11:15-12:45	Session 2 Plenary: Liveable Cities Chairman: John Forrester, Chief Executive, DTZ EMEA Speakers: Bruce Katz, Vice President, The Brookings Institution Howard Tullman, CEO, 1871, Chicago		
12:45-13:45	Lunch	Sponsored by	
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18:00	Pre-dinner Drinks On board the Odyssey	Sponsored by	
19:00-22:00	Conference Dinner On board the Odyssey	Sponsored by	

FRIDAY 22 MAY 2015

09:30-11:00	Session 4 Plenary: The Intelligent City Chairman: Lee Polisano, President, PLP Architecture Speakers: Thimon De Jong, Associate Partner, TrendsActive Philip Enquist, Partner, SOM		
11:00-11:45	Morning Coffee	Sponsored by	
11:45-13:15	Session 5 Plenary: “Work Smart” – New Attitudes, New Demographics and New Workplaces Chairman: David Partridge, Senior Vice President, British Council for Offices Speakers: Bernice Boucher, Managing Director, JLL Richard Greenwald, Professor & Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Brooklyn College		
13:15-14:15	Lunch	Sponsored by	
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The BCO reserves the right to amend the programme and timings, in particular the tour departure times.

MANY TOURS HAVE LIMITED CAPACITIES, PLEASE BOOK EARLY.

PLENARY SESSIONS

SESSION SPEAKERS



CHAIRMAN RICHARD KAUNTZE
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DAVID BLANCHFLOWER, CBE
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DARTMOUTH COLLEGE



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE, EASTDIL SECURED

THURSDAY 21 MAY 2015

09:00-10:30

SESSION 1 PLENARY

The State of the Nations

What is the state of the nations? While Britain and the US certainly seem to be well on the road to recovery, the Euro zone (still the world's single largest market) remains in intensive care. Further afield, Russia appears to be re-enacting scenes from the cold war, China tries to maintain a balance between rampant capitalism and repression, and the Middle East looks to be more volatile than ever. A mixed bag, one might say.

The property sector, like everything else, sits within this broader picture. To debate what the next few years might bring, we open Chicago 2015 by exploring all this, and much more. Our panel brings together an outstanding mix of expertise from the world of economics, politics and business. David ("Danny") Blanchflower is Economics

Professor at Dartmouth College and a former member of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee. Robert Guest is American Editor at The Economist, author and commentator. Roy March is Chief Executive Officer of Eastdil Secured, the wholly owned subsidiary of Wells Fargo Bank, and is one of the leading real estate investment houses in the US.

SESSION SPEAKERS



CHAIRMAN JOHN FORRESTER
CHIEF EXECUTIVE, DTZ EMEA



BRUCE KATZ
VICE PRESIDENT,
THE BROOKINGS INSTITUTION



HOWARD TULLMAN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE, 1871, CHICAGO

THURSDAY 21 MAY 2015

11:15-12:45

SESSION 2 PLENARY

Liveable Cities

With the birth of industrialisation in the late eighteenth Century, Britain, then much of Europe, saw a drift from the countryside to the town. Ancient Cities grew rapidly, and entirely new cities, such as Manchester, the world's first industrial city, were created at extraordinary speed.

The last century has seen industrialisation and urbanisation on a global scale – in 1920, the world's urban population was 270 million; it is now approaching 4 billion. China alone is creating mega cities as a matter of routine.

25 years ago, when the BCO was founded, people and businesses were flocking 'out of town' to get away from crowded, polluted busy city centres. But this is now

changing. How have cities become more 'liveable'? Who are the people who are influencing the shape of our future cities, and where is their thinking taking us?

To consider all this and more, our expert panel will include Bruce Katz. Vice President of the Brookings Institution, and Howard Tullman, founder and Chief Executive of the ground-breaking 1871 project within Chicago's Merchandise Mart.

SESSION SPEAKERS



CHAIRMAN LEE POLISANO
PRESIDENT, PLP ARCHITECTURE



THIMON DE JONG
ASSOCIATE PARTNER,
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PHILIP ENQUIST
PARTNER, SOM

FRIDAY 22 MAY 2015

09:30-11:00

SESSION 4 PLENARY

The Intelligent City

Chicago, New York's great rival, and America's third biggest city, has been influencing the world for the last 150 years. Almost completely rebuilt after the fire of 1871, Chicago has seen the development of the modern office, the world's first sky scraper and, for a number of years, boasted the world's tallest building (the Sears – now Willis Tower).

As with many great concepts, all this started with a plan – the Burnham plan of 1909. That plan was the first of its kind to use the collection of data to underpin its workings and much of it is still in evidence today. A leading panel will debate how Chicago's experience has influenced the planning of cities across the world and how the collection and analysis of Big Data will affect the way that cities and city regions are designed and serviced.

To explore what makes an intelligent city, Lee Polisano, President of PLP Architecture, will lead a panel embracing Thimon De Jong, the Dutch academic and work/life guru, and Philip Enquist, partner at SOM.

SESSION SPEAKERS



CHAIRMAN DAVID PARTRIDGE
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, BRITISH
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RICHARD GREENWALD
PROFESSOR & DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF
HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES,
BROOKLYN COLLEGE



BERNICE BOUCHER
MANAGING DIRECTOR, JLL

FRIDAY 22 MAY 2015

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SESSION 5 PLENARY

“Work Smart” – New Attitudes, New Demographics and New Workplaces

While technological innovation has driven change at an extraordinary pace (who remembers that the iPad first appeared only in 2010?), much remains constant. The vast majority of those who work like to do so with other people (actually, rather than virtually), and the office remains the best mechanism to facilitate that interaction. Increasingly, the space within offices takes a different form from that of not many years ago – less structured, more informal and relaxed.

Why has this come about and is it a flash in the pan, or is it how things will be from now on? Will we reach a point soon where the technology is so impressive we really can do

away with much of the space we currently use? And if so, will the demographic charge back into cities be diminished or enhanced?

To debate this, and much more, the conference chairman leads a panel of experts, including Richard Greenwald of Brooklyn College and Bernice Boucher of JLL, who have both influenced and practised the art of making workplaces relevant to today's businesses.

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INFLUENCING THE WORLD
FOR THE LAST 150 YEARS.”



CHICAGO TOURS

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FROM A RIVER TOUR,
AMAZING!”



TOURS

THURSDAY 21 MAY

13:30-17:00

CHICAGO RIVER BOAT TOUR

This one hour boat tour along the Chicago River passes many of the city's landmark buildings, both old and new, as well as several of its historic bridges. Guides from the Chicago Architecture Foundation will be joined by two top local architects who between them will bring to life the history and stories behind the buildings, the river and the city itself.



T1 BOAT TOUR / THE WILLIS TOWER

A guided tour of the Willis Tower (previously the Sears Tower) with insights from Skidmore, Owings and Merrill architects and engineers, who were responsible for the ground-breaking original building design and structure. Completed in 1973, it was the tallest building in the world, a status that it maintained for 25 years. At 1,451 ft and 108 storeys, it still holds the record for the building with the highest number of floors in North America. The tour will include a trip to the Skydeck on the 103rd floor with its extraordinary views of Chicago and, for the more adventurous, its glass 'Ledge' experience where visitors can look through the glass floor to the street 1,353 feet (412 m) below.



T2 BOAT TOUR / JOHN HANCOCK BUILDING

Completed in 1970, the Hancock Center (or "Big John,") dominates the skyline at the north end of Chicago's Magnificent Mile. Its series of stacked 'X's are immediately recognizable, making the Hancock one of the most well-known profiles in the city. The structure is a remarkable marriage of art and engineering, as well as a testimony to the brilliant partnership of Bruce Graham and Fazlur Khan, colleagues at Skidmore, Owings and Merrill (SOM) who designed a 100-story structure that could withstand the powerful winds that whip off Lake Michigan. Members of SOM's current team will join tour guides to provide delegates with insights into the story behind the building. When it was built, the tower was the world's second tallest building and the tour will include a visit to the '360 Chicago' observation deck on the 94th floor with its spectacular views of the Windy City.



T3 BOAT TOUR / MERCHANDISE MART AND 1871 OFFICES

Merchandise Mart was finished in the depths of the great depression in 1931 and was, at that time, the largest building in the world. It remains the 4th largest building in the world today and second only to the Pentagon in the US. The building centralized Chicago's wholesale goods business by consolidating architectural and interior design vendors and trading under a single roof. Having opened some of its showrooms to the public for the first time in 2010, the building continues to be a leading retailing and wholesale destination, hosting 20,000 visitors and tenants per day. On one of its upper floors, the building also houses the Chicago tech startup center 1871 where many of Chicago's brightest digital designers, engineers and entrepreneurs are working and building their businesses in a vibrant co-location environment. Delegates will get a guided tour of the ground floor of the Mart before visiting the offices of 1871 with its design team from architects Gensler.



“TOURS T1-T7 AND T16-T22 START WITH THE RIVER BOAT TOUR. PLEASE CHOOSE ONLY BOAT/BUILDING TOUR FOR THURSDAY OR FRIDAY.”

TOURS

THURSDAY 21 MAY

13:30-17:00

T4 BOAT TOUR / AMA PLAZA, PERKINS + WILL OFFICES AND THE LANGHAM HOTEL

The AMA Plaza building (previously the IBM Building) is a classic Modernist office tower designed by Mies van de Rohe, who died in 1969 – just before its construction began. At 52 storeys, it is the tallest of the many Mies van de Rohe buildings in the city of Chicago. The tour will include an introduction to the building in its elegant entrance hall followed by a visit to the 36th floor offices of Perkins + Will architects and a tour of the newly opened Langham Hotel that has converted the lower floors of the building from offices to this new and very different use.



T5 BOAT TOUR / GENSLEER OFFICES

A short coach journey from the river takes delegates to the Loop and into one of the classic buildings by Louis Sullivan and DH Burnham. The tour will show how three adjacent buildings have been combined to form a vast open plan work area and facilities for one of Chicago's leading architects. Gensler will also discuss how the older building stock and classic offices are being re-purposed and refreshed across the city as the city centre attracts more people and residential conversion becomes attractive and more valuable.



T6 BOAT TOUR / HINES MARKETING SUITE – WOLF POINT AND RIVER POINT DEVELOPMENTS

Hines is one of the leading property developers in the US and its regional Mid-West offices are based in Chicago where the company has been developing for almost 30 years. At present Hines are involved in two high profile developments on the main junction of the Chicago River – River Point (primarily offices) and Wolf Point (mixed use). The Hines marketing suite sits on the upper floors of the adjacent 300 North LaSalle office building and overlooks the sites of both buildings. Delegates will have the opportunity to visit this normally private facility where senior members of the Hines team will present these two on-going developments.



T7 BOAT TOUR / POETRY FOUNDATION

This short tour takes delegates just north of the river to the home of the Chicago based Poetry Foundation. Completed in 2011, the building houses the Foundations' offices, but also provides space for readings, seminars, exhibitions and a library. It is set around a small garden on a corner site adding a sense of art and culture to the city. The architect John Ronan will guide delegates through this multi-award winning building offering an insight into the use of this modern workspace.



TOURS

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13:45-16:15

T8 MILLENNIUM PARK PLUS ART INSTITUTE

This guided walking tour will take in both Millennium Park and the adjacent new wing of the Art Institute of Chicago, designed by Renzo Piano. The 24.5 acre park, which was opened in 2004 after almost 7 years of construction, sits between Chicago's downtown Loop and Lake Michigan. Today it is the second most visited tourist attraction in Chicago after Navy Pier. Built over old railway tracks the park is considered by some as the world's largest roof garden and is home to the extraordinarily exuberant Jay Pritzker Pavilion designed by Frank Gehry which can hold up to 11,000 outdoor concert goers. The adjacent Art Institute of Chicago was originally built some 120 years ago, but in 2009 Piano's 264,000 sq ft Modern Wing extension was opened making it the second largest museum in North America. The tour guides will include a member of Piano's Chicago based design team who will provide insights into the design thinking and process.



T9 CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION (CAF) & SKIDMORE OWINGS & MERRILL (SOM)

This tour visits Daniel Burnham's famous Santa Fe (now Motorola) building where both CAF and SOM are located. CAF is one of the leading cultural institutions in Chicago, a city that is largely defined by its architecture. CAF speakers will present the architectural story of the city before talking delegates through their latest Big Data exhibition which shows how the collection and analysis of data is increasingly being used by architects, planners, engineers and citizens to understand urban issues and spark design innovation. The tour will then head upstairs to the offices of architects SOM, a name that is synonymous with office architecture in the 20th Century. Formed in 1936, SOM has completed some 10,000 projects in 50 countries, but nowhere has their influence been greater than in the city of Chicago. During the office tour, senior members of their current team will tell the story of the practice and its relationship with the city.



T10 CLASSIC OFFICE BUILDINGS

This 2 hour walking tour takes in some of the most notable older office buildings in Chicago covering several eras from the late 1800's through to the 1960's. The Monadnock and Rookery buildings by architect Burnham and Root are early examples of how architects, working for commercial developers, developed the 'Chicago School' style for commercial space. Sullivan's Carson, Pirie, & Scott store, (now the Sullivan Center) and Burnham and Atwood's Reliance Building (now the Hotel Burnham) show how two landmarked buildings from the 1890's have been preserved and transformed to have productive new purposes in the heart of the Loop. The tour will also take in the Art Deco Chicago Board of Trade building and two iconic buildings from the mid-century Modernist era: Mies van de Rohe's Federal Center and SOM's Inland Steel Building.



T11 THREE TALL BUILDINGS 1974-2010

The tour starts in Lakeshore East to the south of the Chicago River close to the lake. This area is dominated by tall residential and office buildings. The tour will take in the recently completed Aqua Tower which is an 82 storey tower comprising residential, hotel and office uses. The 'inhabited façade' has made this building a very striking addition to the Chicago 'towerscape'. Two contrasting offices form the next part of the tour. The Blue Shield Blue Cross tower is 57 storeys and was unusually constructed in two phases with the upper half added 13 years after the initial 33 storeys. The atrium is a particularly interesting feature. The tour concludes at the AON building which was completed in 1973 and for a year the tallest building in Chicago. The upgrading and adaptation of the building can be seen in selected office levels.



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T12 PUBLIC ART IN PUBLIC SPACES

From the traditional realism of the Art Institute's bronze lions to the sleek modernism of the "Cloud Gate" in Millennium Park, downtown Chicago is filled with great works of public art and sculpture. This guided walking tour looks at monumental works by Modern masters including Picasso, Chagall, Miro and Calder, as well as introducing lesser-known gems of the art world hidden among the Loop's historic buildings and skyscrapers. The tour will look at the evolving relationships between architecture and sculpture and how artists and architects have collaborated in Chicago over many years to add a dynamic and creative layer to the city's squares, places and spaces.



T13 ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

The tour commences on the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) campus a short drive south from central Chicago. A short presentation on the development of the campus will take place in the elegant and extraordinary Crown Hall. Delegates will be introduced to the work of Meis van de Rohe and his impact on the Chicago skyline. A walking tour of the IIT buildings on site will conclude at the new student centre completed by OMA in 2003. The Centre also incorporates the Green Line metro station. In the lecture theatre Antony Wood will discuss Chicago as the continuing home of the tall building and how knowledge and expertise has crossed the Atlantic to Europe and beyond into Asia. Recent developments in design and construction of the super-tall tower will also be covered.



T14 PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES IN CHICAGO (1871 - 2020)

What shaped the Windy City? The great fire had a major impact on how Chicago looks today, but did the World's Fair of 1893 have a more significant impact on the city scape? This tour will provide the history of the development of Chicago's infrastructure starting from 1871 up to today, and with a look towards the future as well. The journey to the city from the airport through low rise suburbia morphs into an explosion of density and height. This concentration of energy in the form of offices, apartments, culture and all other ingredients of city life has been supported by a range of transport services. The tour takes in the extensive areas of rail overbuild, subway, elevated rail, heavy rail and commuter rail. In addition the history, significance and development of the double and triple level streets along and around Wacker Drive will be experienced. The Magnificent mile and the amazing lifting bridges will also feature in the story and challenges of transport in Chicago.



T15 MEETING CHICAGO'S NEEDS

As a leading international owner, operator and developer, Tishman Speyer has achieved a reputation for repositioning and operating Class A properties of enduring value. With over three decades of experience redeveloping historically and architecturally significant sites, they balance the preservation of a building's heritage with the practical needs of its modern tenants.

The Franklin is a prime example of innovation in repositioning and redevelopment. Built between 1989 and 1992, the two adjoining towers comprise 60 and 34 stories, totalling nearly 2.5m sq ft. Delegates will tour The Franklin and discover how Tishman Speyer is converting a fading office tower tailored to today's tenants. This will be followed by an interactive presentation of a new development at 130 North Franklin. Envisioned as a 1.1m sq ft office tower, the project will be purpose-built for a long-term tenant and include a highly efficient, column-free floor plate and state-of-the-art infrastructure systems. The presentation will include a discussion of 21st century demands and challenges facing the Chicago market.



TOURS

FRIDAY 22 MAY

14:00-17:30

CHICAGO RIVER BOAT TOUR

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T16 BOAT TOUR / THE WILLIS TOWER

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T28 ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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T29 PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES IN CHICAGO (1871 - 2020)

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T30 MEETING CHICAGO'S NEEDS

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“ALL TOURS ON FRIDAY ARE A REPEAT OF THE TOURS ON THURSDAY.”

NETWORKING



GOLF

OLYMPIA FIELDS

09:30 TEE OFF



WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2015

The BCO Cup will be taking place at Olympia Fields Country Club, located south of Chicago, 45 minutes from the conference hotel.

A private members' club with two championship golf courses, North & South, Olympia Fields was established in 1915 and has hosted the US Open in 2003 (won by Jim Furyk) and is hosting the US Amateur in August 2015.

This gargantuan retreat in the woods below Chicago was completed at length in 1925. Today the English Tudor Clubhouse and its regal clock tower are daily reminders of the Club's Olympia beginnings. Golf is played over two nationally ranked masterpieces – the North (designed by Willie Park Jr.) and the South (designed by Tom Bendelow). The course record on the North is 63, shared by Rickie Fowler and Vijay Singh.

Play will start from 1st Tee on the North course playing in 4 ball teams from 9.30am. The competition will be played for best individual Stableford for the BCO Cup, usual closest the pin and longest drive options. The team prize will consist of a Ryder Cup match play event over 18 holes.

The day will conclude with lunch in the Clubhouse and prize-giving, leaving enough time to travel back by coach into downtown Chicago for the opening drinks reception.

Commemorative shirts are included, so please provide your required size when booking.

2800 Country Club Drive
Olympia Fields
Illinois 60461

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2015

The opening drinks reception will be held by the Chicago Fountain in the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers. Join us for an early evening drink and opportunity to network with fellow delegates before sampling what Chicago can offer.

Recommendations for dining after the reception can be found at www.bco.org.uk/conference

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SHERATON HOTEL

18:00-20:00



CHICAGO BLUES
SHERATON HOTEL
22:00 TILL LATE



WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2015

**WSP brings the Chicago Blues to the
BCO Conference: Brian Carpy & The Standbys**

Brian Carpy has had an unusual journey to pursue his passion. He first met the blues at the age of 16, listening to Jimi Hendrix and Cream and immersing himself in electric guitar. He later found inspiration in the form of Albert Collins, Ronnie Earl, Anson Funderburgh and early Fleetwood Mac, as he developed his adventurous, quirky, spacious style of playing.

Brian's hard work and persistence paid off after his first year in Chicago in 2010 when he won the Guitar Slinger Showdown for Best Blues Guitarist at the famous B.L.U.E.S. on Halsted club. He then called on his good friend, guitarist and producer, Pete Galanis (Howard & The White Boys), to bring the magic of his fresh, smooth productions to Brian's first album.

Reviewing the album, Bruce Iglauer, President of Alligator Records commented: "...this is a success, with very good playing all around, a nice variety of tempos and grooves, and mature, subtle soloing".

Brian and the Standbys will play the Sheraton Fountainview Room from 10pm till late on the Wednesday evening.

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CATCH BRIAN CARPY & THE
STANDBYS FROM 10PM TILL LATE
AT THE SHERATON HOTEL.

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CONFERENCE DINNER

DINNER ON BOARD THE ODYSSEY
SHERATON HOTEL
18:00 FOR 19:00

The Chicago 2015 experience will be completed with a spectacular Gala Dinner on a cruise boat on Lake Michigan, looking back at the fabulous city shoreline.

The Odyssey, Chicago's most prestigious dining yacht, has been chartered for Thursday evening to offer delegates a spectacular conference dinner. Boarding will take place at the Sheraton Hotel's private mooring and we set sail at 7pm. Dining will take place over three decks and guests can enjoy unparalleled views of Chicago's world-famous skyline whilst cruising gently along Lake Michigan's shoreline. Entertainment will be provided by an upscale DJ and the party will continue after dinner alongside Navy Pier from where it is a short walk or ride back to the hotel.

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Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers

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- 1 Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers (conference, drinks reception and dinner boarding)
- 2 Navy Pier (dinner disembarkation)

TOUR LOCATIONS

- 3 The Willis Tower (T1 / T16)
- 4 John Hancock Building (T2 / T17)
- 5 Merchandise Mart (T3 / T18)
- 6 AMA Plaza, Perkins + Will Offices and the Langham Hotel (T4 / T19)
- 7 Gensler Offices (T5 / T20)
- 8 Hines Marketing Suite – Wolf Point and River Point developments (T6 / T21)
- 9 Poetry Foundation (T7 / T22)
- 10 Millennium Park (T8 / T23)
- 11 Art Institute (T8 / T23)
- 12 Skidmore Owings & Merrill (SOM) (T9 / T24)
- 13 Classic Office Buildings (T10 / T25)
- 14 AON Building (T11 / T26)
- 15 Blue Cross Shield Tower (T11 / T26)
- 16 Aqua Tower (T11 / T26)
- 17 Public Art in Public Spaces (T12 / T27)
- 18 Illinois Institute of Technology (T13 / T28)
- 19 City Transport & Infrastructure (T14 / T29)
- 20 The Franklin (T15 / T30)

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