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NIDO STUDENT LIVING TO SPONSOR AASAP/UK'S 15TH ANNIVERSARY AND CELEBRATE 2006, THE YEAR OF STUDY ABROAD

Nido Student Living, the management company behind The Blackstone's Group's international student accommodation concept, Nido, will be a sponsor of the 15th anniversary of AASAP/UK and to celebrate 2006, the Year of Study Abroad.

At the invitation of the US Ambassador Robert Tuttle and AASAP (Association of American Study Abroad Programmes), Nido will participate in a reception at Winfield House, the London home of the Ambassador on 15 November.

In what is an important year for US study abroad in the UK and globally, the anniversary celebrations are timely for the recent launch of Nido London, which will offer first class student accommodation when it opens in King's Cross next September in London.

The Manager of European Student Accommodation, Nido Student Living – London, Maureen McDermott, said, "We are working very closely with US study abroad programmes to help accommodate their students when they arrive in London next September. On the whole, student living standards in the UK have declined and this can be a major concern for programme providers."

Nido is attracting interest from educators and students across the globe. Whether a first year student or completing a degree, a post graduate, a short-term student or a student attending a study abroad programme, Nido will offer safe and stylish living with all the on-site and communication facilities that students require and will act as a nucleus for intercultural student communities.

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Notes to Editors

Nido London will cover 16 floors, will have a total net area 217,000sq ft and be 59.7m tall. This will comprise 846 student en-suite rooms, known as Nido cubes within the two towers housing 950 students, 50 private apartments, 14 affordable apartments, retail units and commercial space. Three retail units will front on to Pentonville Road totalling 14,143 sq ft. There is also 19,956 sq ft of commercial space with separate access off Pentonville Road. There is a basement with 41 car parking spaces and 250 bicycle storage spaces. Prices per week are from £120 for a shared room and from £180 per week for a single room. 'Nido Plus' (personal room services) will include enhanced in-Cube high speed internet, free internet, VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol), online information services, separate study rooms and a free gym. Optional services will include cleaning and laundry pick-up.

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