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AUDLEY GROUP APPOINTS NEW PLANNING DIRECTOR

Audley Group, the UK's leading provider of retirement villages, today announces the appointment of Matthew Nicholson as its new Planning Director. With over twenty years of experience in planning and development, Matthew joins Audley from his previous role as Head of Planning at Intu Shopping Centres, and prior to that, Head of Planning at J Sainsbury.

As Planning Director, Matthew will be leading the growth of Audley Group, supporting the development of its retirement villages across the UK. Matthew assumes responsibility for maintaining the high standards and impeccable track record that Audley Group is well recognised for.

Nick Sanderson, Audley Group, commented: "It's a pivotal time for Matthew to be joining Audley Group, as we look forward to the opening of our first mid-market retirement village, Mayfield, in 2022, and as the value of integrated retirement communities is becoming more and more recognised. Matthew has extensive experience, particularly in urban regeneration, which will be incredibly valuable for the planning teams. We'll be welcoming Matthew ahead of an ambitious 2022 for planning and growth."

Matthew Nicholson, Planning Director, Audley Group, commented: "I am delighted to join Audley Group to support their growth at the forefront of the retirement village market. Good planning is essential to create fantastic places to live, and improvements and reform to our planning system are required to ensure that new homes of all types can be delivered without delay. Integrated retirement communities have an important part to play in housing delivery and this should be considered by local authorities when planning for their future housing needs".

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Audley Group

Audley Group is a specialist retirement housing provider which acquires sites, develops and then operates retirement villages. The Group has two brands: Audley Villages, founded in 1991 and aimed at the luxury end of the market, and Mayfield Villages, a proposition with broader appeal. Audley Group now owns a portfolio of 20 villages across the country.

Owners buy their own house or apartment on a 250 year lease with access to facilities and flexible care if needed, enabling them to live an independent and healthy life. Audley Group is an accredited provider of homecare and a founder member of The Associated Retirement Community Operators (ARCO), the main body supporting Integrated Retirement Communities across the UK, setting standards for the sector, and representing the interests of consumers and providers at a national level.

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