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A message from John Ritblat, Chairman of The British Land Company PLC.

Our 2004 Annual Report and Accounts is enlivened by examples of some of Britain's best children's book illustrations. In pursuance of this youthful theme we are this year supporting Reading Is Fundamental, UK (RIF) – an initiative of the National Literacy Trust to encourage children, particularly those who are disadvantaged, to develop an interest in reading. An explanatory leaflet about the work of RIF is enclosed*.

Boucher at The Wallace

British Land is the sole sponsor of a major exhibition at The Wallace Collection, Manchester Square, London W1, 'Seductive Visions: The Art of Boucher'. Boucher is regarded as the most sensual painter of the Eighteenth Century and this exhibition will mark the culmination of a year-long international celebration of the artist's 300th birthday.

We enclose tickets for shareholders to enjoy this exhibition on any viewing day between 30th September 2004 and 18th April 2005.

New City Architecture at Broadgate

British Land is also currently hosting the New City Architecture Exhibition at Finsbury Avenue Square in Broadgate. We hope you may find time to visit this exhibition, before it closes on 2nd July 2004, to see the exciting designs of the latest developments in the City of London, including no less than four of our own.



John Ritblat

* If you would like to help, the address is:
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