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# Blackfriars Station is as clean as a Swiss maternity ward

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Blackfriars Underground station, shut for nearly three years, finally reopened today after a spectacular redevelopment.

Closed in March 2009, Blackfriars tube station now has entrances both north and south of the River Thames.

Able to accommodate up to 60 per cent more passengers a day, the station has new lifts and escalators and a new ticket hall.

The work has been part of the redevelopment of Blackfriars main line station which, in turn, is part of the Bedford to Brighton Thameslink rail project.

London Mayor **Boris Johnson** called Blackfriars station "beautiful" before comparing it to "a Scandinavian airport, it's so clean or a Swiss maternity ward."

He added: "the rebirth of this central London station will improve the journeys of thousands of passengers every single day."

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