



Kingston Riverside Development

New build housing

Kingston Riverside is a prestigious new residential development overlooking the river Thames and close to the commercial hub of Kingston upon Thames. The Eden Walk Shopping Centre is within a walking distance providing a variety of high street fashion and retail names outlets. Other nearby facilities are a 14 screen Odeon cinema, the David Lloyd Leisure centre and dozens of restaurants and cafes.

Sprunt worked in collaboration with Midgard to complete the design of these state of the art new homes. The plan consists of two stepping blocks of 11 and 15 storeys each and connected by a 6 storey building. The stepping blocks, benefitting of terraces with panoramic views over the River Thames, are framed by curved fins which enhance the development characteristic and contemporary look.

The striking massing of the development is complemented by a complex facade. This is composed by a main grid made of Polyester Powder Coated (PPC) aluminium elements (oyster white finished) which forms a regular pattern on the facade. Within this grid glazed screens and ceramic tiling panels form the facade cladding. They appear to be randomly placed; but in reality these secondary components, are strictly related to the inner spaces and to the function of the room behind the facade.

The tiling element is also broken down between horizontal and vertical panelling. The vertical elements are composed of elongated ceramic tiles finished to look like timber cladding planks. The horizontal elements are made to resemble sand stone slabs. The framing of the glazed element, is finished in grey polyester powder coated aluminium. Glass panels are either clear or frosted, according to the location.

The building benefits of extensive terraces, which for the West elevations of the two end blocks follow their semicircular shape. The remaining of the building is framed by balconies parallel to the straight facades. The balustrades to terraces and balconies are made of stainless steel up rights and handrails with clear glazed infill panels.

The client requested a visually non intrusive drainage system and this posed a serious challenge for the design team. This was successfully achieved by encasing all the rain water pipes within the cladding elements or discreetly positioned them in the service zone

This project will be a new landmark for Kingston and for also for the developer –Redrow for the quality of the units and the attention given to details. Surely it will be a reference point for any type of new development along the Thames.

Location:
Kingston Upon Thames

Client:
Midgard/ Redrow

Project:
New build housing

Value:
£30m

Status:
Complete 2011

“These stunning state of the art new homes will provide accommodation with picturesque views of the River Thames .”