

Case Study: Holiday Inn Express, Birmingham

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Kawneer windows have been arranged in L-shapes over 16 storeys

This £16.3 million 250-bedroom precast hotel using Kawneer's AA®540 windows, AA®110 zone-drained curtain walling and series 190 heavy-duty commercial entrance doors to help form the unusual pattern of L-shaped windows, forms part of the new 1.2 millionft² Arena Central mixed use development in the city.

Building: Holiday Inn Express

Location: Birmingham

Architect: KKA Architecture

Main Contractor: John Sisk & Son

Installer: APiC UK

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Kawneer windows give hotel guests a unique city view

Aluminium windows by Kawneer are at the heart of a striking patterned façade to one of Birmingham's latest new hotels.

The Holiday Inn Express in the city centre features sets of three of Kawneer's AA®540 windows as fixed lights designed in L-shapes within checks of multi-coloured rainscreen cladding by KKA Architecture.

The façade of the hotel in Birmingham city centre's enterprise zone also uses Kawneer's AA®110 zone-drained curtain walling with 65mm sightlines and series 190 heavy-duty commercial entrance doors.

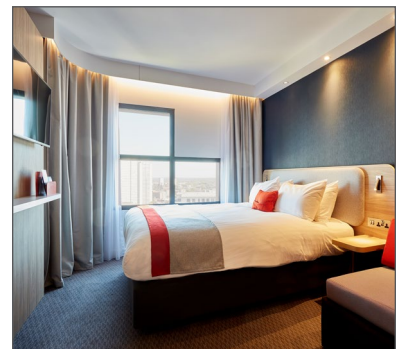
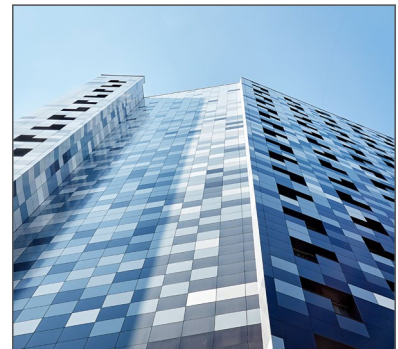
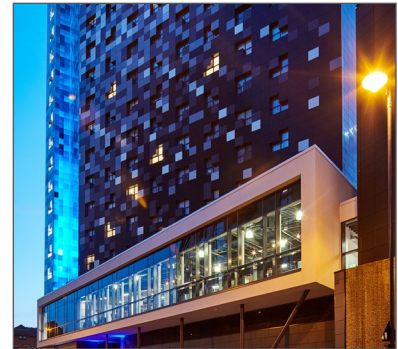
The Kawneer systems were installed over 20 months by APiC UK for main contractor John Sisk and Son who were awarded the contract following their successful completion of the Holiday Inn Express Manchester Hotel for the same client (DRPT Birmingham).

The £16.3 million hotel comprises 250 bedrooms, restaurant, reception and meeting room facilities over 17 storeys, with three lifts and CCTV and PA to all areas.

It forms part of the new 1.2 million ft² Arena Central mixed-use development currently under construction on nine acres of adjoining land.

Construction was steel frame to levels one and two and to transfer decks, with floors three to 17 in precast crosswall construction. The façade is rainscreen to all elevations with the Kawneer windows as inset glazing that looks as impressive from the interior as it does the exterior.

APiC director Andrew Stapleton said: "An unusual aspect of this project is the pattern on the L-shaped windows which provide an interesting feature in this impressive precast structure. This visually striking hotel is a great new addition to APiC UK's growing portfolio of hotel installations and the ever-evolving Birmingham city skyline."



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