

CASE STUDY

PLOT A7, THE SLATE YARD



KAWNEER GLAZING SYSTEMS SCORE A HAT-TRICK WITH GROUND-BREAKING BUILD TO RENT SCHEME

Curtain walling, windows and doors by Kawneer were used on the third and final phase at The Slate Yard.

Architectural glazing systems by leading UK manufacturer Kawneer featured on the third and final apartment building at The Slate Yard, which forms part of the wider £1 billion, 50-acre Salford Central masterplan.

Building: Plot A7, The Slate Yard
Location: Salford
Architect: AHR
Main Contractor: Morgan Sindall
Installer: FK Group
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Two types of Kawneer's zone-drained curtain walling – AA®100 with 50mm sightlines and AA®110 with 65mm – as well as AA®541 top-hung casement windows and thermally superior AA®720 balcony doors were specified by AHR architects for Plot A7 at The Slate Yard.

The 20-storey building comprises 199 apartments for rent for client The English Cities Fund (ECF) - a partnership between national urban regenerator Muse Developments, Legal & General, Homes England and Salford Council.

ECF is currently delivering some of the most complex urban regeneration projects across the UK. The first phase of The Slate Yard was one of the first institutionally funded, custom-built BTR (Build to Rent) schemes to be delivered in Greater Manchester, with all three phases at The Slate Yard forward funded by Legal & General.

Architect Feidhlim White of AHR, which frequently deploys Kawneer, said the systems were specified due to their aesthetics, practicalities and cost-effectiveness as well as the company's standards of customer service.

"The system provided the match to the planning images, enabling us to deliver the project to the aesthetic and practical vision," he said. "The opening lights aided the ventilation system with the ability for purge ventilation whilst still maintaining acceptable sightlines. The simplicity of weatherproofing by glazing in the EPDM makes it an ideal system."

He added: "We tend to use Kawneer a lot as we have a good relationship with their support team and local reps. They're also well priced in the market, I believe. The client is very pleased with the overall outcome and how the building sits as a suite of three."

The Kawneer aluminium systems were installed over 15 months of the two-year build for main contractor Morgan Sindall Construction by approved specialist sub-contractor FK Group who also installed the Kawneer systems specified by AHR at Plot A6 (the Graphite building), a neighbouring BTR apartment block comprising 135 apartments over 16 storeys for the same client.





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