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DEVELOPMENT

Take a trip to hip King's Cross



The ten-storey Luma residential block is the latest to launch in King's Cross

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Building began on a derelict 67-acre site to the north of King's Cross and St Pancras International train stations in London more than 16 years ago. Today there are just 20 acres left to develop and the site is a well-established retail, cultural and residential location.

It is also a key destination for workers and students — Google and Central St Martin's art and design college are based here. There is also a wide selection of restaurants and shops, with more to come — Coal Drops Yard shopping quarter is due to open next year.

There are about five years of development to go, after which the neighbourhood will contain 2,000 or so homes, about 1,000 of which have launched to market to date.

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Some of the area's most distinctive homes, such as those built in the former gasholders, are nearing completion (remaining apartments are priced from £810,000).



Bars and restaurants along the Regent's Canal in King's Cross

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The latest residential block to launch is Luma, 61 apartments in a ten-storey block, designed by the architectural firm Squire & Partners and the interior designer Conran & Partners. The living rooms face Lewis Cubitt Park and the bedrooms the more formal Jellicoe Gardens behind (priced from £1.175 million for a two-bedroom apartment).

The architecture is designed to fit in with surrounding residential and office buildings, which is important because Argent, the neighbourhood's master developer, has chosen different architects for the different buildings.

In the communal areas of Luma there are nods to the area's railway heritage, with postboxes on display and metal screens on the building's façade.

PRESS CUTTING

About half of the apartments have been reserved off plan before a show apartment has been completed — such is the allure of homes close to transport hubs.