

Brick and Stone

WINNER

Hans Place
by Squire & Partners with Lambs

A partnership of architect Squire & Partners and fine brick supplier Lambs achieved something exceptional at Hans Place, a development of 10 contemporary apartments inserted into the 19th-century streetscape of Knightsbridge. Responding to the urban grain of the adjacent Hans Place Garden as well as the area's Dutch revival buildings, the project boasts intricately carved red rose brick featuring a geometric pattern based on the form of the cocoa bean. This seed has historical meaning in Hans Place as it was first introduced to the UK from Jamaica by Hans Sloane, the naturalist and collector who gave it its name.

One of the challenges was using modern techniques to match the artistry and craftsmanship of the Victorian architecture. Following exhaustive testing of alternative approaches and iterations, the team eventually opted for CNC cutting of the brick to achieve the exact dimensions required. One judge said: 'The level of detail is fantastic and the project has not been compromised when hurdles have been hit. This is a stand-out winner.'

PROJECT DATA

Location London
Completed March 2017
Came into use November 2017
Project cost Confidential

JUDGES

Lyle Chrystie, director, Reiach and Hall • David Finlay, director, Acanthus Clews Architects • Ana Moldavsky, associate, Walters & Cohen • Carol Pyrah, associate director of planning, Historic England

THE SHORTLIST

- National Memorial Arboretum by Fira with Marshalls
- 16 Church Street by Keppie with Taylor Maxwell
- Allum Lane by Square Feet Architects with Peterson Tegl
- Holmewood House School by Studio Partington with Brickmongers

