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Squire & Partners completes apartment block for Argent at King's Cross

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The 61-apartment block, with interior design by Conran and Partners, is sited between the green spaces of Lewis Cubitt Park and Jellicoe Gardens in the King's Cross Central Development

The Squire & Partners-designed block, named LUMA, is intended to echo the former industrial character of King's Cross in its form of stepped warehouse-style buildings with the façade's patterning in part inspired by converging railway tracks.

This pattern is also picked up in decorative lattice screens, bas-relief aluminium and concrete panels inside and outside the building. Bronze-coloured splayed bays with balconies overlook Lewis Cubitt Park, while retail and restaurant units at ground level flank the entrance.





Inside, there's a dual-aspect central reception and residents' lounge designed by Conran and Partners, with high ceilings and dark-stained timber joinery, a central marble concierge desk and light-grey terrazzo flooring with brass inlay.

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The apartments range from studios and one-bedroom apartments on the lower floors to 1.5-height apartments with mezzanine living areas across the middle levels. On the 11th floor are two 200m² penthouses over three levels, with rooftop gardens in addition to their balconies. The apartment interiors are designed by Conran and Partners in an understated material and colour palette.





Architect's view

We are delighted to have been appointed by Argent to develop this new boutique residence. LUMA is Squire & Partners' first building in the King's Cross Central Development, with a design that knits into the evolving urban setting and references the surrounding historical and natural landscape. The building establishes a strong visual and physical connection between the two gardens with a central glazed residential entrance and apartment layouts which ensure that all residences enjoy dual-aspect views of the parks.

Murray Levinson, partner, Squire & Partners





Interior designer's view

Our interior design concept is inspired by King's Cross as a historic gateway to escape from the city, and celebrates the steam age heritage of the area while offering a serene and escapist setting for residents to unwind at home. We have sought to create a sense of identity and character within the apartments, which have been described as having the feel of a collection of bespoke residences, despite there being a total of 61 units.

Simon Kincaid, partner, Conran and Partners



Client's view

The completion of LUMA represents a real milestone in our King's Cross journey as we welcome a new wave of residents to our thriving community and into their homes. Testament to LUMA's distinctive

design and situation to green space is LUMA's popularity to date, and why today we complete with just two apartments remaining for sale. As we continue our vision to create outstanding residences in context to their location across the King's Cross Estate, we look forward to completing our future schemes.

Robert Evans, CEO, King's Cross, Argent



Site Plan 1:500 @ A3

Project data

Start on site 2018

Completion 2020

Gross internal floor area 7,386m²

Gross external floor area 8,384m²

Gross (internal + external) floor area 15,770m²

Form of contract Design and Build

Construction cost Undisclosed

Architect Squire & Partners

Client Argent

Structural engineer Ramboll

M&E consultant Hoare Lea

QS Gardiner & Theobald

Interior designer Conran and Partners

Delivery architect Watkins Gray International

Landscape consultant Tom Stuart-Smith

Main contractor McLaren Construction

CAD software used Revit



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