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Kingspan Off-Site Takes the High Road

Kingspan Off-Site's bespoke Fabrik façade system, has been installed at a student accommodation development on McDonald Road, Edinburgh.

Specified for its lightweight, flexible properties, the system provided a high quality finish at the £7million UNITE Group property. As the development is located above a light industrial unit, the 135 bedrooms were built using factory-produced modular construction methods to minimise waste and limit disruption to the local environment.

Situated in the historic Canongate quarter of Edinburgh, the McDonald Road accommodation needed to complement the existing surroundings. The façade system was specified to meet the requirements of an aesthetically pleasing masonry finish. The chosen façade also fitted the modular construction and timescales already in place. The architects for the project, Acanthus Architects df, specified Kingspan Off-Site's Fabrik façade system with a sandstone finish.

Fiona Smith, of Acanthus Architects df, commented: "The flexible design of Kingspan Off-Site's Fabrik façade system met the requirements of a masonry finish at the development on McDonald Road. With the façade details revised from the original plan, the lightweight panels were chosen to fit the modular construction and avoid delays or further alterations to the project."

A lightweight, high performance external cladding solution, Kingspan Off-Site Fabrik façade system provided a cost effective external finish for the development. Installed on three sides of the building, the 2.7m high panels were simply fitted to the existing modular steel frame.

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Note to editors

Formed in 2007, Kingspan Off-Site is the UK's largest MMC manufacturer offering a range of timber, steel and façade systems as well as self-build solutions through Potton. The flagship façade collection includes complete through wall systems as well as a range of individual components, such as steel framing and cladding options. Timber solutions include the Kingspan Logic Building System and the TEK Building System, as well as engineered timber components: trusses and joists. Steel products include the structural Metro Building System, framing systems, a range of sections and profiles, and floor and ceiling cassettes. The Kingspan Off-Site collection is completed by a choice of SUDs and low carbon technologies.

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