

Project Case Study : Streamlight Tower



General Information

Name of the Client	Swan Housing Association
Project Name	Alberta House
Location	London, Tower Hamlets
Product(s) supplied - type and quantity	7654.4sqm Lounge Slabs Black, Beige and Light Grey 120 x180cm
Architects Name	Barrett Lloyd Davis Associates Limited (BLDA) & Hunters
Contractor Name	Higgins Construction PLC
Completion Date	Scheduled for January 2012

DESCRIPTION

RAK Ceramics' porcelain slabs have been specified for the UK's biggest large-format ceramic cladding installation. Designed by Domus Facades, and installed by Cladding UK for main contractor Higgins Construction PLC, the 7,654 sq metre installation forms the exterior of Streamlight Tower, in London's docklands. A residential scheme, for Swan New Homes, the development was designed by Barrett Lloyd Davis Associates Ltd & Hunters Architects. Completion of the project is scheduled for January 2012.

Acclaimed by the Mayor's office for its significant contribution to the provision of affordable housing, Streamlight comprises 137 homes and features a three-block design. The tallest of the three towers has a distinct lipstick-shaped crown. It reaches 82 metres in height, affording stunning views over to the Olympic Stadium, the Thames and Canary Wharf.

The sustainable design includes exterior monochromatic cladding, using RAK's large format Lounge porcelain slabs, on all aspects. Chosen to provide a highly durable and distinctive background, alongside accents of smoked glass throughout balconies, the cladding includes a mix of black, beige and grey slabs. All tiles have a mottled, unpolished surface and each measures 1795mm x 1195mm.

Brian Mace, Managing Director of Domus Facades commented, "This is a prime example of where cutting edge building materials are able to fuse with the design intent of the practice. The large format tiles allow a far greater reach and work to fill in between the floors without the odd off cut tile. The self-cleaning product is a great plus on a building of this size and accessibility. The entire process was immaculately managed by the team at CUK which made the project a joy to work on."

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