



University of West England Coldharbour Lane, Bristol

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| Client: | Unique Envelope Façade Solutions Ltd |
| Architect: | Willmore Iles Architects |
| Material: | • Rockpanel Metallics façades • Colour matched fixings |
| Sector: | Student accommodation |
| Build Type: | Timber frame |

The University of West England has added high-quality accommodation to its Frenchay campus. The buildings on Coldharbour Lane consist of townhouse-style accommodation and 23 self-contained flats.

RCM were appointed by Unique Envelope Façade Solutions to supply over 1,000m² of Rockpanel Metallics in order to add a special effect façade to the timber frame buildings.

The University of West England is said to offer a unique blend of fantastic facilities, unbeatable location and incredible learning opportunities. With more than 600 courses on offer the University also has active commercial links with companies such as CERN, Rolls Royce, the NHS, Aardman Animation and the BBC.

An investment of £300m was made by the University in order to build new state-of-the-art learning spaces, as well as high-quality accommodation. Building these additional bed spaces is a move towards meeting student expectations by providing a wider choice of campus accommodation.

The University's ultimate master plan is to build a University fit for the 21st century.

Wallscourt Park accommodation in Coldharbour Lane had been built by the main contractor Interserve. In turn RCM were engaged by Unique Envelope Façade Solutions to provide a stylish façade system, which would give the buildings extra shine adding a contemporary finish.

RCM supplied over 1,000m² of Rockpanel Metallics facade plus colour matched fixings. The colour of choice was Graphite Grey, which was applied to various aspects of the buildings.

The very fashionable grey colour suited the yellow brick and cream render also used, which gave the buildings an impressive and unique look.

The Rockpanel Metallics boards are produced from compressed natural basalt, a sustainable and readily available volcanic rock and bonded with an organic binder from which all Rockpanel products derive their unique properties. The products combine the advantages of stone and workability of wood.

These cladding boards are suitable for use as exterior cladding, applications along the roof line and for building detailing. The boards are treated with a 4-layer water-based high quality coating that locks in their appearance, colour and finish for years to come. Plus the range is finished with an additional protective ProtectPlus layer.

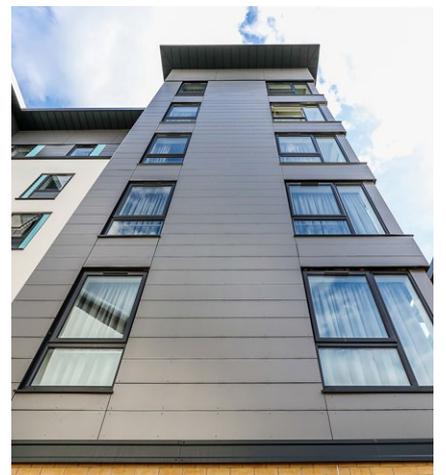
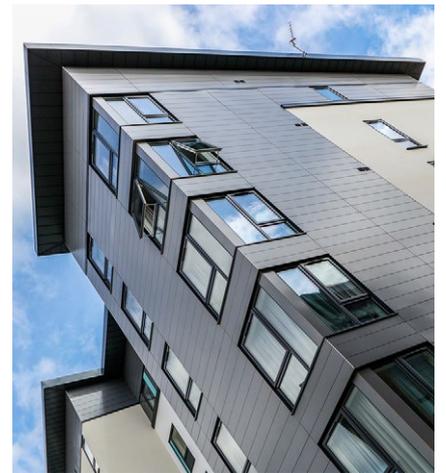
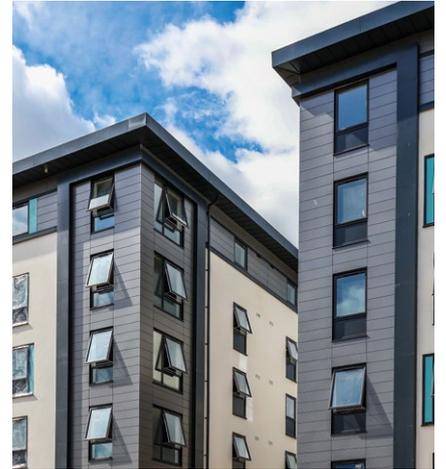
“RCM are delighted to be an appointed supplier of Rockpanel boards. It is a quality addition to our portfolio with its unique properties. We hope to deliver more of this stone based cladding to future building projects”.

(Ian Quinton, Managing Director, RCM)

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