



Appearance
and Colour

Case study

Molly Millars Lane

Wokingham, Berkshire

Architect: Michael Sparks Associates

Main contractor: Loach Construction

Cladding contractor: Keith Lodge
Industrial Roofing

System manufacturer: Euroclad

System type: Composite

Profile reference: Trapezoidal

Colorcoat® product: HPS200® (roof),
Colorcoat Celestia® (walls)



Sirius (walls)



Orion (walls)



White (roof)



The Design

Distribution and logistics centre developer, Rosemound properties had this building designed for use by transport and storage specialist Cadogan Tate. The building was constructed on a semi-industrial brownfield site in the shadow of larger office buildings. The structure had to provide a large volume of storage space without dominating the site, while guaranteeing a high quality seal to fully protect the stored furniture inside.



This new 11,000m² office and warehousing building provides Cadogan Tate with a new location. The company is one of the country's premier moving and storage companies, regularly handles fine arts and antiques, and therefore needed a high quality building as both a reflection of its corporate values and as a shelter for the goods in its care. However, although the building is large, it could not dominate the site as it rubs shoulders with a large office building under different occupancy.

A natural fall in the land allowed the relative height of the building to drop a little, while architects Michael Sparks Associates positioned it in the corner of the plot as unobtrusively as possible. "We really have maximised the space. We couldn't have put anything bigger on the site at all," said architect Brian Evans.

Evans also specified a range of Colorcoat® products from steel manufacturer Corus to lessen the impact of this large building on the site. The bulk of the building is clad in Colorcoat Celestia® pre-finished steel panels; these metallic elements were supplied in Sirius and Orion, a pair of silvery-grey colours, to achieve a contemporary look for the development. The pitched roof and parapet of the building, however, used another Corus product - Colorcoat HPS200® in White - to provide a pale band as an architectural "lid". "Effectively, this does reduce the height of the building," said Evans. Evans also specified these Colorcoat® products as they have become, he says, the benchmark across the logistics, warehousing and industrial buildings industry.

His practice uses these product lines almost exclusively, partly for the range of colours available, but also for their longevity and the Confidex® Guarantee that provides peace of mind for 20-30 years (depending on the particular product specified). "They are the standard in the industry," said Evans, who worked with cladding manufacturer Euroclad on a composite cladding system incorporating a trapezoidal profile with a concealed fix. The completed building, five miles from the M4, provides an important new regional centre for Cadogan Tate - incorporating two floors of office space as well as the warehousing component. This large structure is partially hidden by the contours of the site and adjacent buildings, while the selection of cladding products further minimises its impact on the area.

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