

Vision Modular Systems press release

Modules arrive onsite at Europe's tallest modular residential tower

Vision Modular Systems have started installing modules onsite at Europe's tallest modular residential building, with the first modules arriving on-site in Wandsworth, south west London, this week.

Designed by Metropolitan Workshop architects, Mapleton Crescent will stand at 27 stories tall once completed, and offer 56 discounted 1 bed apartments aimed at first-time buyers in the capital.

The developer behind the scheme is Pocket Living, an innovative affordable housing provider whose award-winning design specifications have been endorsed by the Greater London Authority.

In total, Mapleton Crescent will be made up of 243 modules, which are currently being built in Vision's factory in Bedford using production line techniques reminiscent of car manufacturing. The modules will take less than 6 weeks to install onsite.

Kieran White, managing director of Vision Modular Systems, said:

"After successfully completing several modular developments with Pocket Living, we are thrilled to be delivering this landmark residential scheme in Wandsworth. Mapleton Crescent is testimony to what modular construction can bring to the housing market, providing high-quality, energy efficient homes at pace, in areas that traditional construction would find difficult. Our work with Pocket has been crucial in driving forward new forms of housing and shows that modular homes are both fully insurable and mortgageable. Modular housing is undoubtedly going to play a crucial role in solving the housing crisis throughout the UK."

Mapleton Crescent is one of many modular developments starting to stack up throughout the UK as modular construction continues to gain the support of both government and industry.

The development is just over a 10-minute walk from Wandsworth Town train station and a 20-minute walk to Southfields tube station, giving residents excellent transport links into central London. The building itself boasts shared amenity spaces such as rooftop gardens providing 360-degree views of the area, shared balconies for residents and a riverside terrace. All the communal spaces have been designed specifically to help create a lasting community inside.

At 89 metres high, Mapleton Crescent will be a prominent feature on the Wandsworth skyline and the tallest modular residential tower in Europe.

Modular construction is increasing in popularity due to the cost certainty and programme certainty it provides, as well as the reduced disruption to the surrounding area. Building the modules in a controlled factory environment, as Vision does, allows the quality of the building to be more consistent and the overall build time to be dramatically reduced.

Marc Vlessing, CEO of Pocket Living, said:

“Mapleton is an incredible feat of construction, our 4th modular development and most ambitious yet. At 27 stories high on a very small site, Mapleton is the realisation of how modular techniques can be utilised to regenerate inner-city sites without compromising on quality while minimising disruption to local residents.

"In London, this is especially important given the many patches of brownfield land ripe for development. If we are serious about meeting housing need, we need to take modular construction seriously and the SME developers at the forefront of its deployment."