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Vision Modular Systems picks up three Offsite Awards

Three Vision Modular Systems developments have been rewarded at the coveted Offsite Awards, which celebrate the best in offsite and factory-based construction.

The awards recognise Vision's work in developing high-quality, sustainable and cost effective modular buildings, spanning both the residential sector, the hotel sector and the student housing sector.

The Juxon Street and Sail Street residential developments in Lambeth, two affordable housing projects built by Vision and owned by affordable property developer Pocket Living, won the "Best Use of Volumetric Technology" award. This year was the third year in a row that Vision have won the "Best Use of Volumetric Technology" award.

Both sites were particularly constrained due to filling in the ground between existing developments, so minimising disruption to local residents was paramount. The scheme was made up of 162 modules and offers 70 one and two bedroom homes.

Apex House in Wembley, developed by Vision Modular Systems in conjunction with associate company Tide Construction and their consultant MJH Structural Engineers Ltd., took pole position in the "Best Use of Steel" division. The building, which is Europe's tallest modular building and the second tallest modular building in the world, is made up of 679 modules and delivers over 580 beds ready for students in September. The development, which carries BRE AAM rating of Excellent, will also include communal facilities such as a cinema and outdoor courtyard.

Chapter Living student accommodation in Lewisham was highly commended in the 'Best Use of Volumetric Technology' category. The building consists of two 11-storey blocks that offer 611 beds for students.

Like Juxon and Sail Street, this site was particularly constrained and provided virtually no on-site storage facilities. Module installation for the building started in late January 2016 and was completed in just 14 weeks, enabling a record completion time of only 11 months.

Offsite construction methods, such as modular construction, have garnered large levels of support from both government and industry professionals. In the recent housing white paper, the government pledged to help fund developers who build in this way. Last week's Queen's Speech pledged to see through the recommendations laid out in the housing white paper which will mean that modular construction will play a pinnacle role in solving the UK's housing crisis.

Vision is currently working with Pocket Living on Europe's tallest modular residential tower in Wandsworth, at Mapleton Crescent. The 89-unit development will be spread across 26-storeys and is expected to be finished in early 2018.

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

“We are delighted to win these awards, further cementing ourselves as industry leaders in this field after over two decades of experience in modular construction. The opportunity for modular construction in the UK housing market cannot be underestimated and these prestigious awards help emphasise the merits and versatility of modular to people in the industry, and beyond.

Each of these developments further emphasises the way in which modular construction can deliver high-quality buildings that are fully mortgageable, quickly and efficiently, while minimising disruption to the local area.”