



City Block

Sto

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A carefully integrated package of building façade products provided by Sto has been used to create attractive new elevations for a building which has undergone extensive refurbishment.

StoTherm Classic external wall insulation and a brick-slip façade finish combination has been applied to the CityBlock site in Reading, which provides premium purpose-built student accommodation.

The StoPrim Fungal disinfectant solution used provided a highly efficient method of eliminating any algae or fungus present on the existing façade surfaces. StoTherm Classic external wall insulation was fixed to the walls with adhesive for fast and easy installation.

Comprising an EPS board and entirely cement-free components, the BBA-certified StoTherm Classic provides outstanding impact resistance of 60 joules, which is up to 10 times greater than similar cementitious systems.

The façades were finished with Sto brick slips. Manufactured from synthetic render, these rugged and durable brick slips are compatible with all Sto façade systems. This allows architects to match the design of nearby buildings without compromising on external wall insulation. They also provide outstanding weather resistance, which allows the completed simulated brick appearance façade to keep a smart appearance for many years to come.

The 1960s building underwent extensive refurbishment. It is owned by student accommodation specialists CityBlock, and now offers 145 studios plus extensive communal spaces.

