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GROUND-BREAKING TECHNOLOGY

Architecture and Management company *_space* has enabled officials at Washington School in Tyne on Wear to view their new designs of their future building in 3D. The school is having a £20 million make over as part of the government's 'Building Schools for the Future' programme and is hoping to become a 'stop front for education' for visitors entering the region, and has appointed *_space* to lead the design and architecture process.

LONDON'S VERTICAL GATEWAY

Thameside at Battersea Reach is fast changing under the architectural eye of Andrew Donsell's AECOM. Creating a World Class facility in the UK with the 2009 opening of the new look London Helport & Hotel complex 'London's Vertical Gateway'. 50 years after it first opened, the new look London Helport will be unveiled in June 2008. A new Luxury Hotel adjacent to the Helport will also be unveiled. The Hotel & Helport will sit amongst a mixed-use site. The London Helport & Hotel being adjacent make this a unique project in the World.

GOLD MEDAL PRESTIGE

One of the most prestigious prizes in British architecture, the Royal Gold Medal has been awarded to Portuguese architect, Álvaro Siza. Siza has been noted by some as being the greatest architect to have come out of Portugal. Siza's style is a combination of modernism's free organisation with vernacular architecture.

TIME TICKING BY FOR TATE

The Tate Modern gallery is still in the process of raising the £200million needed for the building project, which is to be completed by 2012. So far, a mere £70million has been raised.

Domed architecture

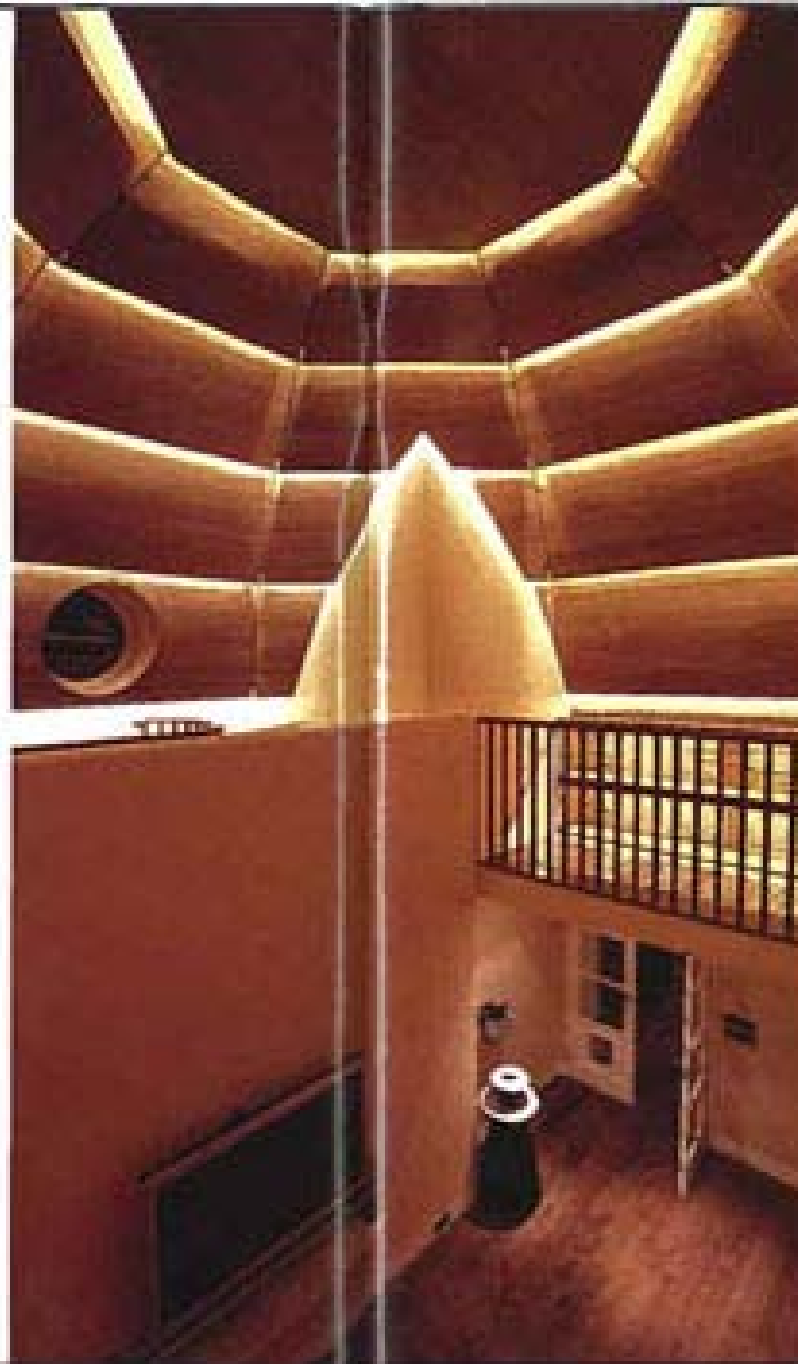
Curtis Wood Architects have unveiled the impressive refurbishment of a two storey, luxury penthouse apartment located in the Marylebone conservation area close to London's famous Selfridges department store.

The architects were commissioned by a private investor as their principle London residence and the design incorporates a breathtaking domed ceiling under which sits a mezzanine gallery with perimeter bookcases to double as a library and a spacious living area below with in-built hi-tech audio/visual systems. The dome is encased in rich, timber panelling on both the walls and ceiling and with radial LED lighting strips concealed underneath each of the overlapping panels it has become a room of extraordinary warmth and depth.

In the adjacent living areas the kitchen and the dining room have been redesigned as more flexible spaces with the ability to co-join the areas. This forms part of the feature wall, which further incorporates full-height bespoke storage units and a study area along its length.

All the apartment's customised furniture items have been beautifully designed and crafted, finished in ebony timbers, dark, natural stones, coffee-colours and antique bronzes making the overall effect throughout one of refined luxury and style. New shutters, locks and double-glazing have improved the security and sense of assurance within the property.

Project architect, Emily Wardless commented on the refurbishment stating: "Our brief was to take a typical modern apartment and transform it into a beautiful, distinctive home. The resulting bespoke quality of the apartment has resulted in one of our most distinctive, challenging schemes."



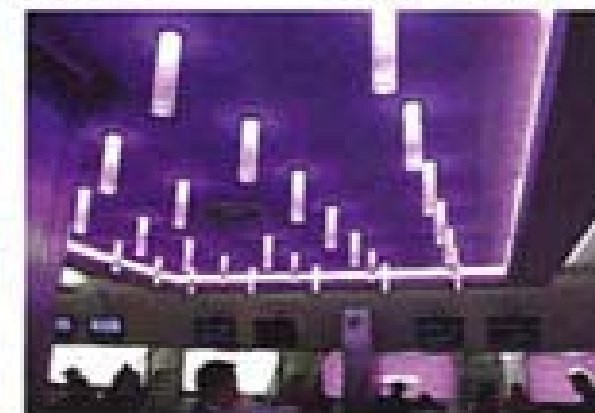
Enhancing sound

StoSilent Top, a seamless, suspended acoustic ceiling system was specified to enhance the sound quality at Virgin Atlantic's stylish check-in area at Heathrow Terminal 3.

Designed by Foster & Partners, the specification required a system that could achieve both the demanding acoustic requirements of a large airport check-in area and the desired monolithic, seamless appearance. Specialist sub-contractor, Advanced Interiors Ltd, rose to the challenge creating the frames for ten ceiling bays with glass-reinforced gypsum, and forming the central area of each bay with StoSilent Top.

The StoSilent Top system comprises acoustic panels manufactured from recycled glass granules, finished with an ultra fine, smooth acoustic coating providing an excellent, high absorbing finish. While this is usually spray applied, to reduce dust as the site was within a live airport environment, Regency Plastering applied the acoustic plaster by hand. The system was also able to integrate the feature lighting and ventilation elements with ease.

Kelly Overall, Contracts Director, Advanced Interiors, commented: "It's a truly innovative system. StoSilent Top provides the monolithic look with the added acoustic rating.



diary dates

NOVEMBER 2007

Hosting presentations on the most important architectural projects of today this series, by the Architecture Foundation opens with a special presentation on the Stirling Prize nominated Westminster Academy that will take place in the Academy itself, the remainder of the series will be housed in Sir Deryn Ludlum's Grade 1 listed icon of Modernism, the Royal College of Physicians.

13 November
Paul Monaghan, Alfred real Monaghan Monts presents Westminster Academy, London. A Paul Architecture Inc, an in situ lesson on the art of school architecture as Aretel presents the Stirling Prize short-listed academy. For the first time members of the public will have the opportunity to hear the stories and psychology behind everything from the giant light-filled atrium to the concrete, near-0 lecture theatre.

20 November
Pavle de Graaf, Office for Metropolitan Architecture presents City in the Desert, UAE. For some time now desert developments have been constructed as though they could have been constructed anywhere else. Large sections of the desert are being turned into high maintenance town. OMA has created an efficient and compact form of urbanisation, a blueprint for an instant single integrated city built from scratch as a manifesto and model for the development of the Arabian desert that attempts to correct the shortcomings of Dubai and Abu Dhabi. Pavle de Graaf takes on this very contemporary discussion and explains how.

27 November
Tord Lundvall and Kjell Thoren, Snøhetta present New Opera House, Oslo. The talk explores Norway's new gleaming landmark, the largest cultural centre built in the country in 700 years, a seductively intricate work of art from architects Snøhetta, the minds behind the Stockholm Alexander 2000. This is a glimpse of an architectural landmark, which has received rare universal praise.

3 December
William Baker, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP presents Burj Dubai, Dubai, UAE. What do you do when you need to transport a great number of people up a 600+ metre, mixed-use tower? How do you deal with condensation that builds up when the heat of the desert meets the cool of the air-conditioned interior? As it turns out, you build up a 40-high elevator - the world's tallest. There are so many more questions still to be asked regarding the Burj Dubai, the latest building on earth. This talk is a unique opportunity to do so.

To publicise your event, please send details via email to jack.billy@space.com.co.uk

Competitions

Nationwide Sustainable Housing Awards, UK
Submission deadline: 15 January 2008

Just and community housing award
FRSA Competition Housing Exhibition, CURC gallery, Portland Street, Manchester
Running from: Now until 20 December

Open access, including a copy of the new competition, a short on behalf of Curtis & Son for 200 market priced and electronic house forms as part of the New i-Direct could mean in October or late.

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Nationwide Building Society has announced the launch of the Sustainable Housing Awards, a part of the FRSA.

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London Design Festival

The London Design Festival has become regarded as the first major event of the capital's autumn creative season. During the London Design Festival's eleven-day run in September, an estimated 300,000 people attended over 200 events across the capital, celebrating all aspects of design.

Highlights of this year's Festival included the installation of David Adjaye's American tulip wood pavilion at the Royal Festival Hall, the first Merve Cloquet London Design Festival Commission - 'Portrait' designed by duo Fredrickson Stalled at Somerset House and Greengaged, the Festival's first sustainability hub that challenged designers to develop responses to the challenge of climate change and sustainability. This year's prestigious London

Design Medal was won by Marc Newson, who accepted his accolade at a gala dinner hosted by Philips de Pury & Company and sponsored by Aston Martin.

The third London Design Embassy - the ultimate meeting place and 'hub' for the Festival - was stylishly executed by Barber Osgerby and supported by the Charns Group.

At the Festival's opening reception at The Royal Festival Hall, Peter Manderson, then EU Trade Commissioner, spoke about the importance of innovation and creative instinct and declared 'nobody does it better than London, which is a magnet for creative talent from around the world and a global hub for the creative industries'. Next year's London Design Festival will run 19 - 27 September 2008.