



**THE ROOKERY HOUSING PROJECT, STOCKTON ON TEES**  
**MARLEY ALUTEC**



A collaboration between independent North East builder, T C Developments and leading aluminium rainwater and eaves systems manufacturer, Marley Alutec, has resulted in the Rookery housing project being nominated for a Local Authority Building Control (LABC) award.

The Rookery, a complex of three executive apartments in Stockton-on-Tees, incorporates Marley Alutec's Evoke fascia and soffit system and Flush-fit square downpipes, all in RAL 7015 slate grey colour as a fundamental aspect of its roofing design. Working as both the product manufacturer and technical adviser for the system design, Marley Alutec helped the developers showcase good project teamwork, a key part of the award's judging criteria.

The developer was looking to achieve a subtle, modern design with sleek lines and had initially specified an external rainwater system. However, when reviewing the plans with Marley Alutec it was decided this approach would not achieve the desired aesthetic. After providing expert technical advice it was agreed that an internal rainwater system incorporating the 72mm x 72mm Flush-fit downpipe best suited the overarching architectural ambition.

In addition to creating a more visually arresting design, the Marley Alutec products offer a host of practical benefits. For example, the Flush-fit downpipes are manufactured using marine-grade aluminium, which allows for more than 50 years of near maintenance free durability. This refined square downpipe system with concealed internal joints is perfect for modern building designs like the Rookery.

Aluminium is also a sustainable design choice as it's an infinitely recyclable material that can be used again and again without any loss of quality. The LABC judging panel greatly values sustainable construction when evaluating a project, so Marley Alutec's range has helped the developer meet this criteria.



Innovation within construction materials is another aspect of the judging criteria and the Evoke fascia and soffit range certainly helps fit this requirement as well. Made from composite aluminium, with a unique nano self-cleaning coat, the Evoke range is quick and easy to install using ordinary carpentry tools. Thanks to the layered integral structure, the range is extremely strong – yet it is only 4mm thick and does not require a backing board.

Tony Cuthbert, Director at T C Developments, commented: "We made a great decision working with Marley Alutec when developing The Rookery. As an independent developer it is essential the products I use are both easy to install and durable. This is exactly what I found the Evoke range to be; it was one of the easiest fascia and soffit systems I've ever installed.

"Throughout this development we developed a very close relationship with Marley Alutec and its team of industry experts. Prior to the Rookery I had limited experience of working with aluminium, Marley Alutec's expert knowledge was therefore vital in helping us deliver such a stunning build.

"Since completing the job we've received lots of praise. Often local residents will complement the look of the building, whilst nationally we've been nominated for the Local Authority Building Control Award. Marley Alutec provided tremendous assistance helping us work towards the judging criteria and fingers crossed we'll be victorious!"



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