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FCH completes £30 million student studios in North Acton

FCH Architects' £30 million Lyra Court proves that light, bright and stylish student apartments are an affordable proposition.

The 80,000 sq ft student accommodation led mixed use development contains 209 high quality student studios sitting across two adjacent seven-storey buildings with retail at ground floor.

Each studio contains kitchenette, en-suite bath or shower room, study space, and sitting and sleeping areas, on floor plans between 17.5 and 21sqm. The buildings include secure access and on site management suites along with laundry facilities and social spaces like the Lyra lounge and a roof top terrace.

Says Mark Doohan Director of FCH Architects: "Downing Students chose FCH primarily for our project detailing skills and we believe Lyra Court proves that affordable, stylish and practical places to live, study and relax are achievable for today's student body."

Close to local public transport links and designed to achieve a BREEAM rating of 'Excellent', Lyra Court is encompassed by new public realm spaces, including two new community parks - a pocket park and a biodiversity park. The development is the latest example of FCH's commitment to bringing superior, sustainable and energy efficient student buildings to the UK's student centres.

Lyra Court completes a student accommodation masterplan adjacent to North Acton station, led by Ealing Council.

FCH Architects completed the tender and construction phase information whilst successfully pursuing a revised planning approval to increase the buildings' efficiencies and number of bedrooms.

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A selection of images is available.

Notes to Editors:

FCH Architects

FCH Architects is a national practice specialising in the hotel, leisure and residential sectors. Currently, their student portfolio includes working again with Downing Students on 600 units over three buildings on site in Cambridge and being about to start on site with 700+ student units in Glasgow. FCH Architects' interior design team has also refurbished a number of existing student accommodation buildings in Newcastle and Leeds, with over 1000 more units in the pipe line for later in the year.

Downing Students

With over 25 years' experience as a leading provider of student accommodation, Downing Students understands what the modern student lifestyle demands and provides stylish, comfortable and value for money accommodation in London, Leeds, Liverpool, Newcastle and Cambridge.