

Project Profile



PROJECT NAME

PORT MARINE, BRISTOL

CLIENT

CREST NICHOLSON

NORDAN MAKES A SPLASH AT BRISTOL DOCKS

A highly flexible window system from NorDan that allows for a modern coloured exterior combined with a more traditional natural timber interior has contributed to another award-winning project at Bristol docks.

Some 900 new homes developed by leading homebuilder Crest Nicholson at Bristol's Port Marine brownfield site incorporate NorDan's high quality and low u-value composite windows, helping the project to win the National Homebuilder Design Award.

Darren Dancey, production director at Crest Nicholson (South West), explains that specifying the Port Marine project was no easy task because it is located on the water's edge, with multi-storey blocks and weather exposure that requires a top quality external envelope. What's more, the many planning requirements in force also created specific and exacting demands.

For Crest Nicholson, this meant careful selection of suppliers who could meet its needs to deliver a quality and ongoing service, and NorDan was top of the pile, explains Mr Dancey.

"We chose NorDan for its quality product, reliability and all round good design, supply and installation service," he said.

The homebuilder was also impressed by the option to have coloured external windows but maintain the internal natural timber finish.

"We wanted windows that contrasted a contemporary external appearance with a traditional and natural internal finish," said Mr. Dancey, who added that he is very happy with the relationship with NorDan and hopes that it continues for future projects.

NorDan managing director Syd Birnie notes that NorDan prides itself on its flexible products and approach. "Details such as coloured exterior and timber interior can make a big difference to a project like this. Crest Nicholson is a quality homebuilder and a



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great partner for NorDan," he explains.

The 53-acre Port Marine site is a large scale project, including docks that had been closed in the 1990s after 130 years of use, and Portishead power station that was closed in 1980 after 54 years' service. Crest Nicholson bought the site in 1999 as part of an even larger 545-acre site.

The first phase of this massive project was produced according to a master plan prepared by Llewelyn-Davies and BBA Architects. It delivered 950 new houses and apartments and a 450-berth tidal marina when completed in 2006, while the later phases will deliver almost 3,500 more homes north and south of the marina with housing and associated retail, office and leisure uses in a joint venture between Crest Nicholson and Persimmon.

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