



Con Mosso

Project: Carmelite Monastery, Liverpool

Client: Carmelite Sisters

Architect: Austin-Smith:Lord

Brickwork Contractor: Nobles Construction

Product: Con Mosso facing brick

Project Type: Housing Development

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New monastery in Liverpool strikes an architectural high note

Carmelite Monastery, Liverpool

Showcasing intricate brickwork, the new Carmelite Monastery in Liverpool boasts ethereal qualities on the outside as well as inside, giving the building an eye-catching, elegant and modern appearance rarely associated with monasteries.

The unique architectural design has captured the imagination of architects across the country. Indeed, so much so, that it was awarded the Architect's Choice award at the 2013 Brick Development Awards (BDA).

The Con Mosso brickwork itself embodies a sense of timelessness, tradition and calmness in keeping with the monastic way of life. Indeed, this aspect of the project was specifically chosen to compliment other elements of the architecture, and to continue to project a sense of both silence and light that would reflect the building's purpose. With the monastery located in a traditional

village, the use of a singular material also serves to ensure the building is coherent and expresses a sense of community appropriate to the area.

Of course, in order to deliver the effect intended by the architects, Austin-Smith:Lord, the project required the brickwork to be delicately matched to the designs. Wienerberger's Con Mosso brick was chosen for its soft and textured appearance, which makes it equally suitable for internal as well as external use. As such, the brick was used internally most notably within the chapel and the cloister. On the façade, the appearance subtly changes according to the time of day and weather conditions; the changing shape of the shadows deliberately exudes a sense of calmness and tranquility.

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