

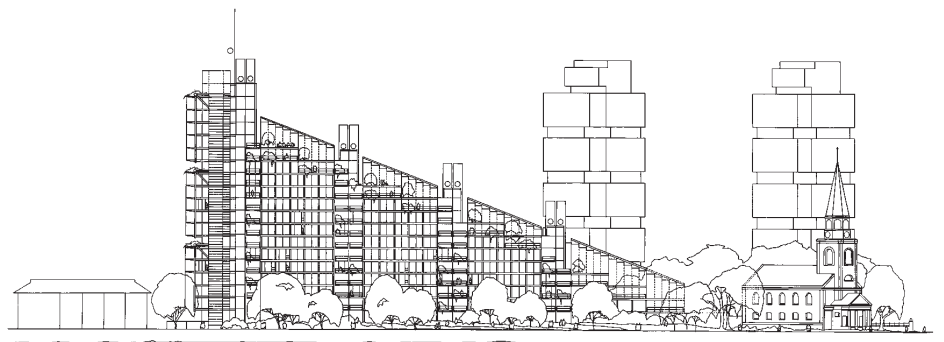
Montevetro



Awards

The American Institute of Architects
London/UK Chapter, Excellence in
Design Award: Honorable Mention
2002

Civic Trust Award Commendation
2002



Place/Date
London, England 1994 - 2000

Client
Taylor Woodrow Capital Developments

Cost
£38 million

Area
25,000 m²

Cost/m²
£150

Architect
Richard Rogers Partnership

Structural Engineer
Waterman Partnership

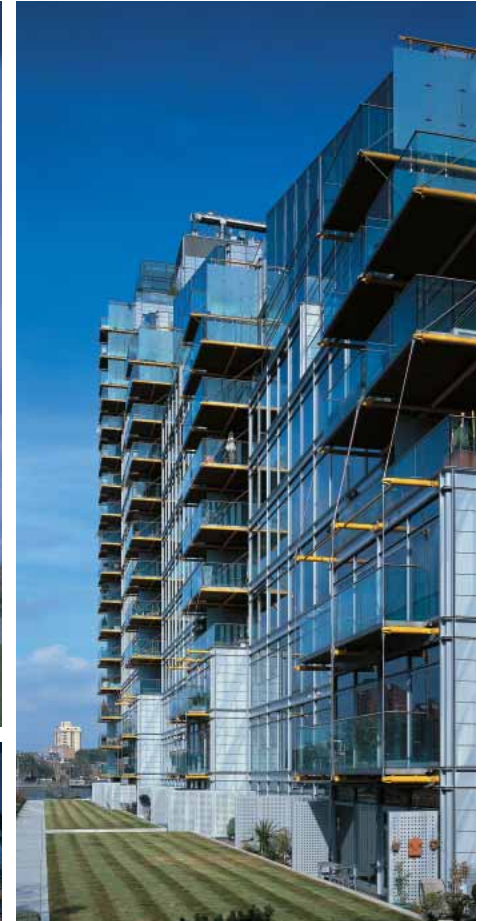
Services Engineer
DSSR

Quantity Surveyor
WT Partnership

Associate Architect
Hurley Robertson Associates

Landscape Architect
Townshend Landscape Architects

Main Contractor
Taylor Woodrow Construction Ltd



The scheme is designed to afford stunning river views, with all living areas facing west in five linked buildings stepping away from the church and towards the river.

The Montevetro housing project occupies a prime site fronting the River Thames, formerly occupied by the old Hovis flour mill, and faces west towards Cheyne Walk, Chelsea. On the south-western corner of the site stands the Grade I listed St Mary's Church. The building comprises 103 apartments with one, two, three and four-bed units (including roof-top penthouses) ranging from 1,000 ft² to 2,500 ft². The site also provides parking spaces for 170 cars and integral leisure facilities.

The diagonal alignment creates a landscaped setting for St Mary's Church within a new public park. Views of the church have been enhanced and the river walk extended through the site forming a continuous route between Wandsworth

and Battersea bridges. Aligned on a north-south axis overlooking the River Thames, the apartments are organised into five connected blocks, stepping up towards the river away from St. Mary's Church from four to 20 storeys, ensuring that all flats enjoy river views to the west. The blocks are connected by four distinct lift towers providing rhythm to the east façade and access to all of the apartments, avoiding the need for corridors. Access to the building, as well as to residents' car parking and a leisure centre, are located to the east of the building. The west façade is punctuated by balconies accessed from living areas and kitchens.