

# cambridge street manchester

## category

Residential/Private

## client

Rented Sector

## value

CS Developments

## date

£40m

## awards

September 2016

+ Shortlisted for the RIBA

North West Awards 2017

The building site was a derelict horseshoe shaped plot, enclosed by a meander in the River Medlock to the Northern and Eastern boundary. The building contains 282 PRS apartments, with a reception and a commercial unit at street level. A split level car park is located on the ground floor and steps down internally to the existing site level.

The accommodation is split into two opposing blocks; the lower situated at nineteen storeys above ground and the highest at twenty eight above ground. The 'negative space' between the adjacent Grade II listed Chorlton Mill and recent apartment building to the east seeks to extend visually into the courtyard between the two blocks. The scale of each

responds to the desire for the site to act as a landmarked gateway into the city, as defined by the Terry Farrell masterplan, whilst translating the key heights of the chimney and eaves of the adjacent mill.

The building utilises an in situ concrete frame with a lightweight structural framing system (SFS) external wall infill supported off the concrete slab edge. The facades are clad in a Corium brick tile cladding system fixed back to the SFS studs. White brick was selected to reference yet contrast with the surrounding urban grain of industrial mill red brick. Cores are clad in an aluminium composite panel rainscreen system.

The one, two and three bedroom apartments were designed to the London Housing Design Guide standards.

The building provides high quality, high density accommodation for sustainable city centre living close to workplaces. All entrances incorporate level access from street, directly into the new public realm landscaping, which forms a new pedestrian link along River Street, enhancing local urban connectivity.

