

portland stone – naturally

Bar Library Belfast

Awards: 'Commended' in the 'Interiors' category at the Natural Stone Awards 2004

This is a new development on the site of the old Variety Market of Belfast, Northern Ireland. The selection of stone was made simple by the desire to pay respect to the adjacent Royal Courts of Justice.

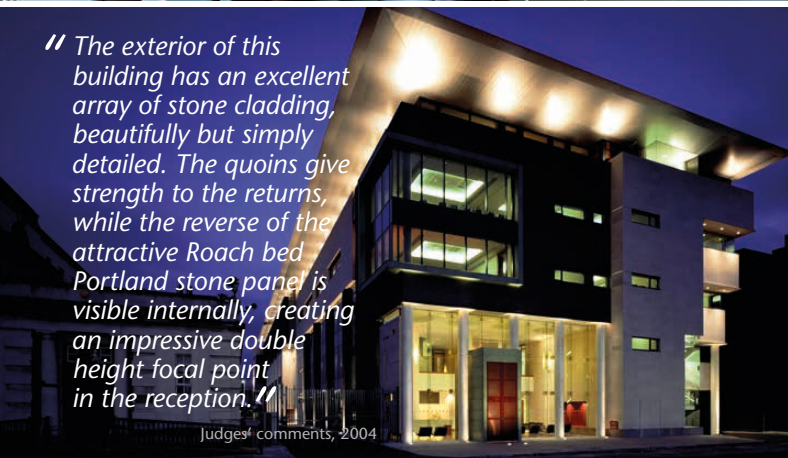
Adapting the scale and proportions of the adjacent building, the new Bar Library Headquarters exterior uses contrasting planes of Portland stone (Basebed, Whitbed and Roach), blue engineering brick, and glass to create an abstract formation that complements and contrasts with its neighbouring building.

The interior was treated as an extension of the exterior with the planes of Portland limestone returning into the building where possible, forming an illusion that the building was created from a series of boxes. Polished Portland Blue was used for the floors.



“ The exterior of this building has an excellent array of stone cladding, beautifully but simply detailed. The quoins give strength to the returns, while the reverse of the attractive Roach bed Portland stone panel is visible internally, creating an impressive double height focal point in the reception. ”

Judges' comments, 2004



Architect/Designer: Robinson Mcllwaine Client: The Bar Council
Main Contractor: Gilbert Ash Northern Ireland Completion date: 2000
Location: Northern Ireland Portland Stone: Bowers Basebed ,Whitbed, Roach and Portland Blue
Scope of Project: Construction of new development for Bar Library



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