

portland stone - naturally



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Daily Express Building, London EC4



Architect/Designer:
Hurley Robinson and Associates

Client:
Goldman Sachs

Main Contractor:
Loveld NV

Location:
City of London

Portland Stone:
Independent Basebed

Scope of Project:
Construction of granite and Portland stone building.

This was an £80 million granite and stone building designed by Hurley Robinson & Associates in a sensitive area including part of the Fleet Street Conservation Area.

Although other stones were considered, the Architect finally chose Independent Basebed after viewing materials at the Quarry and a number of previously completed sites.

In particular, the detail of the Quoins needed careful consideration. The original

suggestion, a “birds beak” to marry the granite cladding elsewhere on the building, was not a good design for limestone. Instead a glue and pinned option was adopted.

The project involved approximately 130m³ of block and was manufactured into finished stones at our Portland Factory.

These stones were transported to Loveld's Belgium Factory during the Autumn of 1998 to be incorporated into the stone on pre-cast panels.

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