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## New Café, Greater London House Camden, NW1

Architect/Designer:  
Vivendi Architects

Client:  
Lazari Investments

Stonework Contractor:  
Putney & Wood

Completion Date:  
2016

Portland Stone:  
Jordans Whitbed

Scope of Project:  
External facades and flying buttresses

The Art Deco 'Greater London House' was built in 1928 and boasts two imposing bronze statues of cats at the front entrance.

George Kythreotis, one of Vivendi Architects' founding directors, said, "The brief was to design a café within a new building adjoining Greater London House (GLH). Our intention was to design something that was not a landmark building as it was felt the main GLH building was the landmark building. We wanted something that complimented and felt like it belonged to GLH but a contemporary interpretation."

One of the key materials was the stone for the external cladding for the facades and the dramatic flying buttresses. Following a process which involved reviewing stone samples from several suppliers and having been pleased with the assistance he received from both Albion Stone and Putney & Wood, George named both companies in the stone cladding specification and selected Portland Jordans Whitbed.

Albion Stone supplied the Jordans Whitbed block to Putney & Wood to manufacture and fit on site.

Summing up George said, "It was important to design a scheme that fitted the site and worked in harmony with GLH whilst not being overbearing. We also wanted to create a semi-public space that had an open terrace whilst creating an enclosure. The client is delighted with the building. Despite having a huge portfolio, Lazari Investments see this as a very important building in their portfolio."



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