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HOW OLD DO YOU THINK I AM?

Oliver Stallwood discovers a modernist home that's not all that it seems...

PHOTO: MICHAEL WARDLEY

THIS west London family home is not all that it seems. Walk into the light-flooded, triple-height living space and you would be forgiven for thinking this is a well-preserved and sympathetically updated vision of

pioneering, 1950s modernism. Solid blocks of colour and texture vie for attention: a concrete polished floor is tastefully punctuated by dashes of orange and olive green, and balanced by matt oiled stave oak. Mid-century furniture and tactile,

raw materials complete the image of perfect retro chic. But don't be fooled – this East Sleen house was built in 2000. Twelve years ago, Robert and Eve Thornhill were looking for a family home for their two young children –

and at first glance, the house did not seem a promising match. It was the ultimate clichéd bachelor pad with a 1990s twist: high-gloss finishes, glass walls and a curved stainless steel staircase – as trendy as Justin Timberlake's double-denim suit.

circa 2001. This, then, has been an architectural journey back to the future, turning it from tired and tacky into a vibrant family abode.

“When we bought it, the interior had

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METRO Property New-Build News

The apartments at Goodluck Hope are impressive, affordable and right on the river

The river Thames gains a solidions addition to its eastern reaches this week in the Docklands with the launch of several new apartment buildings at the seven-acre neighbourhood, Goodluck Hope.

With 504 suites, one, two and three-bedroom apartments, the Ballymore development has a perfect position directly on the river at Leamouth Peninsula, opposite London City Island. Bordered by water on three sides, both the name and design of Goodluck Hope is a reassuring nod to the area's maritime heritage.

Architects Allies and Morrison even took their inspiration from the colour and patterns of the bricks from Orchard Place to the riverbed. Ceade II instead dry dock for the surrounding buildings.

The facades are positively swish, too, with New York job-like floor-to-ceiling Cortina-style windows, exposed concrete ceilings and engineered timber floors.

With open-plan kitchens and dining areas, the apartments have clean lines, while materials have a contemporary edge. Extra attention has been paid to materials in the bathrooms, too, with exposed indigo bathroom tiles.

Our vision for Goodluck Hope has been to create a culturally rich, inspiring, riverside neighbourhood community with a focus on innovation at its heart. The area has a strong industrial heritage and we wanted to build on that," says John



Riverside setting: The development will create a whole new community

FEELING LUCKY?

Midway at Ballymore UK. The area is set to enhance its cultural credentials further, with the English National Ballet and London Film School both relocating to adjacent London City Island in 2018.

There's a slew of visual arts and horticultural community-minded projects nearby to feed the creative senses, too, with The Lane, London's first dedicated modern and

contemporary 'art walk', which features works by artists including Antony Gormley, Damien Hirst and Eduardo Paolozzi nearby. The Island Florist, led by Richard Bragg from Trinity Bay Wharf, which will offer flowers for sale as well as floristry workshops.

Residents will also have access to Ballymore's own creation, The Island Grocer, an Italian-inspired deli and restaurant and The Wharf Brewing Co on the site of the old Orchard House pub, providing locally brewed beers. There's even a brewing school if you fancy giving it a go yourself.

As part of the community ethos at Goodluck Hope, residents will have

access to The 1595 Club, a network amenities under one roof, including 24 hour concierge, pool, steam room, gym and business centre.

Entertainment options include a private cinema and a restaurant with panoramic views.

On the 29th and highest floor of the tallest apartment building, residents will enjoy full use of The Lantern Room, with jaw-dropping views on offer. Conceived as a focal point at the southern edge of Goodluck Hope, the Orchard Dry Dock has been restored to the outline of a vessel with elevated seating, making it an open, accessible place for residents to meet and socialise. Transport connections

include the Underground from Canning Town station on the Jubilee Line and Docklands Light Railway in ten minutes to London Bridge.

The West End and Mayfair are accessible in 18 minutes via the Jubilee Line to Green Park. From 2018, the Crossrail link at nearby Canary Wharf will provide access to Soho in 11 minutes.

Of the total, 650 homes will be sold privately, while 150 will be affordable and social housing. First completions are scheduled from 2019. Prices start at £335,000 for a suite apartment. Good luck nabbing one...

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LAUNCH PAD

BALDWIN COURT, LYON SQUARE, CENTRAL HARROW
Baldwin Court, the third phase of Lyon Square in Central Harrow, launches this Saturday. Baldwin Court features 42 one, two and three-bedroom contemporary-styled apartments, which all have subterranean, open-plan basins and under-floor heating. Prices from £350,000 for a one-bedroom property. redrow.co.uk

CHILDERS STREET, DEPTFORD
PRS provider Vive Living has launched its first development, Childers Street, Deptford. There will be 83 one, two and three-bedroom apartments and over 4,000 square feet of communal space that includes a coffee hangout, roof terrace, cinema and a work and chillout zone. One beds are from £1,350 per month. viveliving.co.uk



DISCOVERY TOWER, HALLSVILLE QUARTER, CANNING TOWN, E16
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