

Case Study



Double Marco Specification for new £42M Student Accommodation Scheme

Project : Birmingham University - Chamberlain Halls

Client : Balfour Beatty

Product : Steel Wire Cable Tray & uPVC Trunking



Marco, a leading uPVC Cable Management Company, and the UK's largest manufacturer of Steel Wire Cable Tray, has supplied a combination of uPVC Trunking and Steel Wire Cable Tray to Balfour Beatty, as part of a £42million student accommodation contract for the University of Birmingham.

Balfour Beatty's contract includes the design and build of the entire scheme, which will provide 726 bedrooms for the University. Marco forms part of the firm's supply chain and has previously worked on many of the firm's projects throughout the UK, including this latest in Birmingham.

The contract to deliver the 'Chamberlain Halls' halls of residence involves the demolition and re-building of the existing Eden Tower and the construction of a new 20-storey tower, together with three linear 'finger' buildings situated along Church Road in Edgbaston.

Large quantities of Marco's Steel Wire Cable Tray and uPVC Trunking, have been utilised throughout the large scale development, to house the complex electrical infrastructure.

Jeff Kerridge, Sales Manager for Marco Cable Management said: "Once again we are seeing our products specified at a major development in one of the UK's leading cities. Balfour Beatty has complete confidence in our products and continues to opt for Marco to support the mechanical and electrical aspect of their large scale operation."

The building will meet the highest Government approved EPC 'A' category for energy efficiency through the use of brick cladding for insulation, a copper rainscreen and glazed curtain walling to reduce heat loss. Construction is scheduled for completion in the winter of 2015.