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Situated in the heart of Manchester city centre, and on the edge of a key conservation area, the new Premier Inn is a new build hotel providing 193 bedrooms over 11 storeys.

Key to the development is the need to visually integrate with the surrounding architecture - a mix of Victorian warehouses, many of which are listed buildings - while adding modern design features.

The facade chosen was a reflective black brick to provide a sense of depth, while the carved elements of the building are expressed with the use of a matt black brick. Architects at Roger Stephenson Architects wanted a very limited palette of materials, unlike the wider range of materials used in budget hotels.

"Because of the scale of the building, a standard matt black brick would have made the building appear slightly brutal and oppressive," says Andrew Edmunds for Roger Stephenson Architects.

"We wanted to specify a black brick which had an effective reflection, to provide the facade with a depth of colour and reflective nature that would change as you walk around the building."

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Taylor Maxwell was called in for assistance in the specification of two Danish bricks, manufactured by Daas Baksteen (Aston Smooth and Upton Smooth) - previously used in Manchester and supported by Manchester City Council.

Some 70,000 bricks are being supplied by TM, as well as the Wonderwall Panel System and Rockpanel.

“To assist speed of construction and buildability it was decided that the building would be constructed using off site precast concrete panel with brick slips in-situ. They were also looking for an insulated system they could stick brick slips to, so we suggested Wonderwall,” says TM’s Chris Taylor.

“A meeting was arranged, where it was agreed we would look at all details and schedules, so all parties were working to meet the build plan.”

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The project in Manchester city centre is near completion, with the bricks, Wonderwall and Rockpanel now installed.

“The architect had identified a project in Manchester using similar bricks and we established the suitability of the brick, cost and performance was suitable for all parties involved,” says TM’s Chris Taylor.

“The architect had a firm idea in what they were looking for. We offered a selection of alternative value engineered products which were all suitable for the project however the architect remained firm in his desire for the original specified brick.”

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