

33 Colston Street

University of Bristol



Phoenix from the Ashes

33 Colston Street is a six storey building in the centre of Bristol which suffered from a severe fire in October 2015. The initial phase made the building watertight with a demolition phase removing all internal partitions and services that had been affected by subsequent water damage.

Oxford Architects were asked by the University to rebuild the accommodation and where possible improve the student facilities. This included providing en-suite bathrooms throughout with a separate senior resident's flat. Working with the end-users and student representatives we have enhanced the shared social and study spaces on the ground floor.

Working to a tight budget, the building reopened in summer 2017 ready for new students to arrive in September.

Project Details

- Scope**
 Complete renovation of fire damaged building to provide 116 student bedrooms, social and study spaces
- Role**
 Architect, Principal Designer
- Client**
 University of Bristol
- Contract**
 NEC3 D&B
- Contractor**
 Kier Construction
- Value**
 £8m
- Dates**
 Oct 2015 - July 2017



Key Aspects

- Complete renovation of a 6 storey, fire damaged, building
- Comprising 116 en-suite student rooms, social and study spaces.
- Developing the student experience in the heart of the city



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