

# THE RIGHT AIM

DEVELOPER : Doma Group  
MAIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY : Bloc  
ARCHITECT : Stewart Architecture  
CONSTRUCTION VALUE : \$30 million



Construction work not 100% complete at the time of photo

The Archer is a luxurious residential development comprising 97 one, two and three bedroom apartments, which combine contemporary styling and quality finishes. Boasting sweeping views across the city, The Archer includes spacious outdoor living areas, enclosed courtyards and beautifully manicured gardens which exude a sense of opulent luxury.

**Within walking distance of the Kingston Foreshore lifestyle, The Archer is a premier residential development in Canberra boasting 97 lavish one, two and three bedroom apartments with high end finishes, spacious outdoor living areas, enclosed courtyards and sweeping views towards the city.**

Designed by award-winning architects Stuart Architecture, The Archer is another superior development collaboration between the nationally award-winning Doma Group and Bloc. Doma Group is one of the most significant investment and development companies, and private hoteliers in the Australian Capital Territory and Bloc are their preferred builder.

“For the past decade we’ve proudly constructed multiple Doma projects,” said Bloc Director, Andrew Redwin. “We work in successful

partnership with developers and organisations of all levels to produce buildings of the highest standards on budget, on time and target.”

Originating in Canberra, Bloc is a project delivery, planning and construction firm specialising in high end residential, commercial and retail projects with operations in the Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales and Queensland. With a reputation for consistent excellence in design management, Bloc is renowned for their brilliant, experienced people, including their four hands on directors who are precise and diligent in performing to the highest standards and delivering thousands of residences, retail spaces, renovations and commercial buildings.

“Accuracy of execution and precision to task means our buyers can rest assured their project will be delivered to the highest standards,

ensuring our extremely successful clients, both big and small, keep coming back,” said Andrew. “Our repeat business with local clients demonstrates our ability to consistently manage the design, procurement and construction process and consistently achieving outstanding results.”

Bloc has the soul of a small company with the capacity to do high profile national projects, bringing value to developments from procurement to delivery. Working closely with a variety of property developers has led Bloc to develop the systems, procedures and programmes they need to deliver their many quality projects successfully.

“Our principled approach to management means risks can be anticipated and managed to ensure a successful outcome,” said Andrew. “As well as our strong reputation for quality craftsmanship and diligence in commercial construction, each director has unsurpassed residential experience, particularly in the Canberra region. This experience spans custom designed luxury dwellings, townhouses and units together with extensive construction of high end and high density apartments.”



Bloc’s unique experience in residential design allows for construction and design management to fit any environment, budget and scope. “We also have extensive project procurement experience and can provide strategic advice to our clients throughout the construction process to ensure they have the best advice and outcome,” said Andrew.

A vital service provided by Bloc is early stage design input to ensure low cost design elements including layout, structural systems, building fabric and finishes. Clients work with the Bloc design management team from the pre-design approval stage to ensure that the end product is as efficient as possible. Their inhouse knowledge of the costs and benefits associated with construction materials and techniques allow the design process to progress while achieving the best value for money.

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**Below** Nawkaw completed the wood grain concrete panel walling application to the precast façade of The Archer.

**Designed by award-winning architects Stewart Architecture, The Archer will stand the test of time due to the unique exterior finishes produced by Nawkaw.**

Since 1998 Nawkaw has been manufacturing, supplying and applying specialist long life colour coatings for external walling, bringing concrete façades to life, while also producing stunning results that are weather resistant, long lasting, cost effective and environmentally friendly.

“Our expertise is in matching any colour or effect. At The Archer we transformed the appearance of the moulded grey precast walling to look like real timber walling on the external façades of both buildings, said Nawkaw New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory Operations Manager, Adam Wearing.

The vertical precast panels in the timber look finish on The Archer doesn't just add warmth and improve the aesthetics of the previously bare concrete faces they're also attractive and long lasting. The natural look of timber created by Nawkaw on these structural elements is fire resistant, passing the AS/NZS 1530.3-1999 fire testing criteria. In addition, there will be no ongoing costs for preserving timber.

“Our professionally trained façade coating applicators created an excellent layered finish, even with the difficulty of marrying up the

seamless wood finish from scaffolding across the building,” said Adam.

Nawkaw's layered colour process ensures an impressive finish that withstands the elements. With no painting involved, the company's finishes don't crack or peel.

Nawkaw colours aren't just superior they are unique. “The range of colours we offer are far wider than traditional concrete colouring methods, and that means we can ensure your concrete walling matches your desired effect perfectly,” said Adam.

Nawkaw offers up to a 30 year guarantee on all their finishes. Besides supplying and applying architectural specified finishes, the company can also correct poorly finished raw concrete. Nawkaw, with their penetrating concrete stains and skilled technicians, have a reputation for restoring the desired fair faced concrete look.

Nawkaw also recently worked on the Australian National University SA6 Student Accommodation buildings; Arc by Crown in Clarence Street, Sydney; Opal Towers Olympic Park and the Sydney Metro North West Rail Link.

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Timber appearance.



Concrete equalisation to fair faced appearance.

Below Kovac Interiors supplied and installed the wardrobes and sliding doors for the residential units.

Below Ignis Solutions provided their fire engineering consulting and solutions to bring The Archer to fruition.



Providing a wide range of modern products for the ever expanding Canberra residential and commercial construction industry, Kovac Interiors' reputation is unsurpassed and were a natural partnering choice on The Archer development.

"We installed all the wardrobes and sliding doors, at The Archer," said Kovac Interiors Director, Mario Kovac. "Bloc builders are very experienced in handing over quality units. It is always a pleasure working with them."

In 2015, brothers Marijan and Ivan Kovac established the specialty wardrobe and shower screen business, and now they have 11 full time employees. The company is recognised by homeowners, renovators, architects and builders alike as one Canberra's leading wardrobe and shower screen provider.

"Our reputation is based on our commitment to innovative design, unsurpassed craftsmanship and excellent customer service," said Mario.

"We are passionate about offering high end, new products and making them affordable for all our building partners. We are

constantly working with our overseas contacts to make this possible, and have some outstanding new wardrobe and shower screen products on offer in 2019."

Kovac Interiors have worked with Victory Homes on the Odin and Evolure projects, Antalija Constructions on The Reserve, Chase on St Germain, the Morris Property Group on Mayfair, Parc, Governor and Nova Apartments, Milin at Trilogy and Indigo Apartments and Geocon Constructions for Infinity Towers, Quay Apartments and Abode Hotels in Kingston and Murrumbateman.

Kovac Interiors are also currently working with Kappelle on The Artisan (Deco Hotel), Chase on Founders Lane, and Geocon on Dusk, Republic and Midnight projects.

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Ignis Solutions is a Canberra based boutique fire engineering design and advice service. Established by Managing Director, Benjamin Hughes-Brown seven years ago, Ignis Solutions now employs 11 others.

Ignis Solutions is at the peak of the industry, with Benjamin just one of only a limited number of fire safety engineer fellows of Engineers Australia with direct access to material testing and analysis, making his wealth of experience and qualifications internationally accredited.

"In 2017 I established Ignis Labs, a state-of-the-art test facility," said Benjamin. "It supports our fire safety engineering consultancy and also assists manufacturers as well as industry to understand material fire safety better."

Today Ignis Solutions offer fire safety advice, design compliance as well as material testing for fire related matters from drawing board to signing off and certifying for handover.

"It's a complete service. Our new test facility provides non-combustible testing, fire hazard property testing as well as large scale internal and external wall testing," said Benjamin.

Ignis Solutions provides performance based design and evaluations on product testing and buildings for manufacturers to ensure those products meet the Building Code of Australia.

"We find that many developers want to use specific products or designs, but the manufacturers may not have the right information or know whether it's fire compliant. We help by doing fire safety testing as well as fire safety performance analysis to say it's okay or recommend further testing and evaluation," said Benjamin.

"Our approach is to listen to our client's needs, rather than try to drive a solution. We can then create something that's suitable, and with our design and installation knowledge of fire safety systems we can deliver something that works and complies." Benjamin also shares his expertise through monthly face-to-face seminars around Australia.

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**Below** Fire Integrity Solutions provided their FPA Australia Fire Protection Accredited Scheme recognised fire doors to the project.

**Below** Phase 4 Electrical and Data completed the communication and electrical services, switchboards and metering equipment.



**Established in 2013, Fire Integrity Services provides thorough and trustworthy passive fire protection services.** Locally owned and operated, the team has over 25 years experience in local and interstate passive fire protection industry.

Three of the Fire Integrity Services team took six months to supply and install all the fire door sets onsite for apartment entries and fire stairs at The Archer luxury Kingston residential development. Their range of door hangers and passive fire installers are FPA Australia Fire Protection Accreditation Scheme recognised.

“We pride ourselves on our quality of workmanship, and knowledge of the Building Code of Australia, Australian Standards and product specifications for all installs,” said Director, Scott Rose.

Fire Integrity Services full range of services includes servicing and maintenance, passive fire inspections, installs, inspections and rectifications of all service penetrations including fire dampers. New fire door sets and rectification to existing fire door sets, Vermiculite fire spray to steel members including ductwork. Fire Integrity Services certification is in line with tested passive fire systems, relevant Australian Standards and the Building Codes of Australia.

Fire Integrity Services also sells a range of well known passive fire products from fire boards, fire collars, fire sprays, fire rated mastics, fire rated pillows, fire rated door sets and non-fire rated door sets, to intumescent fire dampers and more.

“We’re currently working on The Canberra Hospital, Shape Manteena and ACT Health,” said Scott. “Plus, NRT Sydney trains for John Holland and CPB. We recently conducted passive fire installs in Shanghai, China and will rectify passive fire items in Islamabad in early 2019.”

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**Taking pride in providing a high level of service, quality of work, and building strong working relationships, Phase 4 Electrical and Data worked closely with other design and methodology representatives to carry out all electrical elements for The Archer.**

“Liaising with supply authorities we were able to assist with civil works and cable reticulation from the substation and communication infrastructure into the site,” said Director, Jeremy Fooks. “We installed all the switchboards, metering equipment, electrical, TV and communication services, completing everything on time and within budget.”

Trialling a new temporary construction power and lighting system on the project, Phase 4 Electrical and Data increased the level of safety to an even higher standard, that improved their ability to reuse nearly all the components again on other developments, helping to limit any environmental impact.

“By refining our quality control systems to a site specific model we were able to limit the risk of inefficiencies,” said Jeremy. “Construction Manager Steve Harper, Project Manager Johnny Catling, Estimator Ian Butler and our specialist teams produced a top outcome.”

Phase 4 Electrical and Data was established in Canberra in 2001 by Jeremy Fooks and Tony Polak, operating from a spare bedroom and an old ute and van. Today, they have over 40 permanent staff providing small service jobs and maintenance, to complete design and construct of building developments from their Mitchell warehouse.

“We provide complete electrical installations, industrial switchboards, access controls, CCTV, communications, FTA and FOX,” said Jeremy. “We’re extremely proud of the number of apprentices we’ve also brought through our system.”

Other projects Phase 4 Electrical and Data are working on include Uptown Apartments, Palko and Nibu Apartments, Northshore Apartments, The Gallery, Amaroo multi-purpose building and gymnasium extension, ASADA redevelopment, and Canberra Grammar School IT wing.

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Below Trend Windows and Doors supplied and installed the sliding and stacking doors, windows and Quantum awnings for The Archer.



**Trend Windows and Doors are proudly celebrating 50 years of manufacturing quality aluminium and timber windows and doors for the Australian building industry.**

With the largest and most comprehensive range of aluminium, timber, and thermal products available to suit acoustic, bushfire compliant and energy requirements for residential, multi-residential and commercial projects it is easy to see why they were the preferred supplier at The Archer for Bloc.

“Trend ACT have been supplying products to Bloc projects for over six years now. We have supplied window solutions at Axiom, Axial, Palko and Realm for them,” said Trend Windows and Doors ACT Branch Manager, Peter Sullivan. “These projects all used our Quantum and Thermal products, each manufactured to suit the building requirements.”

Trend Windows and Doors supplied and installed Quantum awnings, sliding and fixed windows, and sliding and stacking doors to The Archer, along with insect screens. The Quantum windows and doors were manufactured in their factory by a team of 45 professionals and built to suit the precast openings onsite, with most being 2400mm

high to capture light and views of the surrounding area. “The size and weight of the product created some logistical challenges, so we packed them into L frames and craned them onto the site,” said Peter. “The windows are also double glazed using Low E glass to meet energy ratings.”

Trend products are all manufactured in Australia to suit the Australian Standards. Now A JELD-WEN Company, Trend Windows and Doors have around 750 employees nationally. A trusted partner to builders Australia wide, they are currently working with the leading Canberra region builders on numerous projects.

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