

STATOIL HEAD OFFICE, ABERDEEN
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The Aberdeen, Scotland headquarters for Norwegian energy company Statoil takes advantage of the deep lustre of ALUCOBOND®'s naturAL Copper finish on its new headquarters which serve as the operations centre and head office for Statoil's development and production activities in the UK and Ireland.

Statoil explains that their new headquarters creates collective spaces for the company's 200 employees. The operation rooms are equipped with technology and collaborative tools for connectivity. They also utilise this technology to focus on their "...key issues; such as safety, environment, operations and asset integrity."

The architects at Halliday Fraser Munro worked closely with UK fabricator, Sotech Optima, to create the impressive exterior façade. The bespoke window and cill panels, designed to add depth to the façade against the remaining distending Aluminium Composite Material (ACM). This fabrication technique creates an interesting prismatic effect where the panels change hue based on natural light and focal point, adding a new dimension to the façade. Rustic metal was a purposeful choice of building material for a company focused on utilising natural resources.



The new 60,000 square feet building features both Sotech's Secret Fix FC attachment system and their Through Fix Cassette (TFC) rainscreen system. Sotech explains, "The Sotech Optima FC system was selected for the project due to the precise coordination between panel and substructure that presents a pristine appearance without the use of visible fixings. The TFC rainscreen system was also selected as accurate installation is both simple and speedy."

Sotech praises the naturAL series as, "...a subtle rapprochement to real metals without its inconvenience creating a refined metallic look." The surface structure of ALUCOBOND® 's naturAL line brings about interplay between metallic shine and the reflection and absorption of light.

Located on the Prime Four Business Park at Kingswells five miles west of Aberdeen, the new Statoil House has been built to Statoil's specifications by UK building and civil engineering company Sir Robert McAlpine under a contract with park developers Drum Property Group.

Project Name: Statoil Headquarters, Kingswells' Prime Four Business Park, Aberdeen
Façade Material: ALUCOBOND® plus naturAL Copper
Construction Type: Cassette on bolts
Planning (Architect): Halliday Fraser Munro – Chartered Architects- Planning Consultants
Fabricator/Installer: Sotech Optima
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