



A view through planting looking at the new plaza

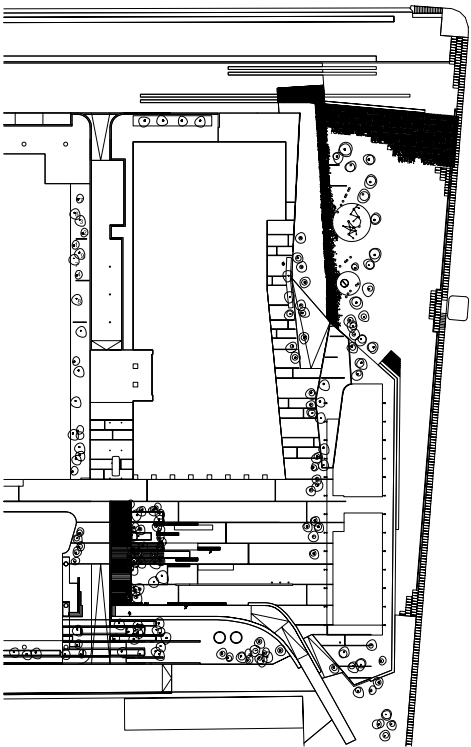
First of its kind

A unique mix-use development with a new public plaza

When the project began in 2014, it was the first large scale mixed-use project of its kind in Ireland. Situated at the very end of Sir John Rodgerson's Quay, the landscape encompasses a new 22 floor residential tower which at the time of completion was the tallest building in the Republic of Ireland. The brief for landscape architecture was to design a space for a wide range of functions and activities and thus among many other landscape typologies a new public plaza was developed as an all year around event space that is capable of hosting various activities. These activities would range from large outdoor cinema screenings and outdoor concerts to week-end marketplace stands.

Bespoke material palette of hard and soft landscape

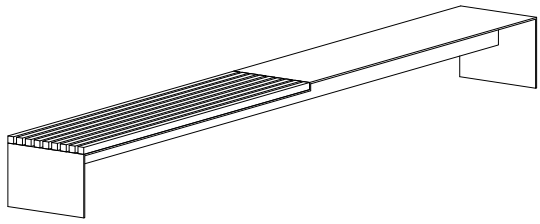
The iconic site location presented some of the biggest challenges. Situated on the forefront of Dublin's vibrant Docklands, the external setting is subject to harsh and exposed coastal microclimate. A suite of bespoke furniture and design interventions was created as part of a sustainable and maintainable approach to both; the future upkeep of the project and the human comfort of the end user. While the hard landscape materials were primarily focused on long term use and sustainability, the soft landscape concept was aimed at softening the harsh existing environmental conditions and providing a pleasant microclimate to the user in a contemporary aesthetic, acknowledging the coastal setting. In addition to soft landscape a number of wind mitigation measures such as bespoke perforated steel wind screens were designed to avoid creation of wind tunnels between the new buildings and calm the impact that the existing site conditions present.



Extract of landscape plan illustrating the geometry of the project



Concept illustration by DFLA from an early design stage



Design intent drawing of stainless steel and timber bench



Images of completed benches in the new public plaza



Views of roof terraces and playground from above (Photograph: Gareth Byrne)



Character and atmosphere (from left to right) - view looking through the lines of planting at the plaza



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