



Partner of Stora Enso

# Hands Building

## Oxford, United Kingdom

**EURBAN**

Providing much-needed accommodation and academic space for the College, The Hands Building is a new and welcome addition to the Mansfield Campus incorporating 74 en-suite study bedrooms, a Fellow's flat, a home for the new Bonavero Institute of Human Rights including seminar and teaching spaces and a 160-seat lecture theatre. Meeting the high aspirations for quality, the building has provided Mansfield excellent value through the benefits and opportunities offered by the new facilities.

Part of a heritage led phased masterplan including both new build aspects and carefully considered renovation of the listed Champney's buildings, this element has maximised the potential of a constrained site, creating a striking backdrop to the newly landscaped Quad.

Building on an enclosed site to a demanding timescale and tight budget demanded an alternative to the standard concrete frame approach, and cross-laminated timber (CLT) provided a compelling case for delivering the project to time, cost and quality. The result is a stunning new building which sits comfortably amid and complements the historic Grade 2\* listed buildings of Mansfield College in the heart of Oxford and is a much admired addition to the architecture of the city.

### General

**Delivery year**  
2016

**Building type**  
Education

**Area (m<sup>2</sup>)**  
1670

**Storeys**  
5



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### Products

**Products**  
CLT

**Product volume (m<sup>3</sup>)**  
334

**Number of truck deliveries**  
8



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 **Team**

**Partner of Stora Enso**  
Eurban

**Architect**  
MICA Architects

**Main contractor**  
Beard Construction

**Developer**  
Mansfield College

**Structural Engineer**  
Eckersley O'Callaghan  
Eurban

**Specialist Timber Contractor**  
Eurban

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 **Others**

**Timber superstructure erection duration (weeks)**  
8



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