**America Square**

2013 – 2015

London | UK

**Project Details:**

Sector Hospitality

Client Danescroft

Operator Native

Lead Architect Child Graddon Lewis

Location Aldgate, London

Local Authority City of London

Status Complete 2015

Area GIA: 800m²

Cost: £2 Million

Planning Consultant Turley

Principal Designer HDC Group

Structural Engineer Capita Symonds

Services Engineer PSH

Principle Contractor Square Metre

Photography Native

**Project Summary**

America Square is the redevelopment of an existing 6 storey office building and conversion into 9 serviced apartments for Native, one of the UK’s largest serviced apartment providers. The proposal sought to retain the A3 commercial unit at ground floor and propose a change of use for the upper 5 floors from B1 to C3, with levels 1-4 comprising two apartments and level 5 comprising a single penthouse apartment.

With the two primary stone facades being retained the design focused on utilising the existing banded windows to arrange the internal space in the most efficient way and making best use of incoming natural daylight. This, together with the existing structural arrangement, drove the apartment layouts to follow a very clear and simple rationale, also inspiring the minimal internal material palette. In addition to the redevelopment of the upper levels a new independent entrance lobby and concierge was proposed at ground floor, along with a new entrance canopy.

Ian Givin was Project Architect for America Square at Child Graddon Lewis.