

# News

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## **Morgan Sindall Construction celebrates topping out at third New Bailey development**

Morgan Sindall Construction and the English Cities Fund have commemorated reaching the halfway stage in their work on the third Build to Rent (BTR) residential development at The Slate Yard, New Bailey with a topping out ceremony.

Construction at the Salford site began in September 2018. At 21 storeys, it is the largest of the three Slate Yard residential towers and is setting new standards for rental accommodation in the city. Comprising 199 apartments, including 98 one-bedroom, 81 two-bedroom and 20 three-bedroom homes, The Slate Yard will also offer future residents access to a communal lounge, rental car club and complete flexibility to make the place their own, reflecting the needs of the modern renter.

New Bailey is being delivered by The English Cities Fund, a joint venture between Muse Developments, Legal & General and Homes England. The joint venture partnership is currently delivering some of the most complex and successful urban regeneration projects across the UK. Following its expansion in 2018, it continues to take on large-scale, challenging sites and create inspiring new places.

The first two phases of residential development at New Bailey boast the accolade of being the first institutionally-funded BTR schemes to be delivered in Greater Manchester, and have proven to be extremely popular, with interest already mounting for this third phase.

Following the erection of the building's internal concrete frame a large-scale tower crane will now be removed from site, clearing room for work to begin on internal decoration and M&E finishes.

Morgan Sindall Construction's project team is currently on track to complete by the projected finish date of spring 2021.

The Slate Yard represents Morgan Sindall Construction's latest project as part of the development, having completed work on the New Bailey and Stanley Street NCP multi-storey car parks.

Shaun Jones, area director at Morgan Sindall Construction, said: "This ceremony was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the excellent progress being made on this project, a result of the joined up and collaborative approach of our site team.

"Greater Manchester's residential market is in rude health, as the city becomes increasingly attractive to people who wish to take advantage of the many work and lifestyle opportunities the region has to offer. This new phase of development at The Slate Yard site will complement the already completed buildings, helping the project to reach its potential.

"New Bailey as a whole represents what can be achieved through a commitment to partnership and the sharing of ideas and resources, as exemplified by the English Cities Fund. We're very proud to play such a key role in what is being achieved at New Bailey, which is a landmark scheme for Salford and Greater Manchester."

Phil Mayall, regional director at The English Cities Fund, said: "This year development has ramped up even further at New Bailey, with more live developments on site than at any one time in its ten-

year history. As the latest buildings top out, there continues to be a real buzz about the place and it's fantastic to see the innovative ideas and initiatives we originally had for the site a decade ago becoming a reality. New Bailey has become a destination in its own right, somewhere that high calibre businesses want to be part of, and where people want to spend their time.

“Although the buildings around New Bailey are individual in their design, The Slate Yard represents the highest quality in build to rent living in the city centre. It's fantastic to see it reach topping out stage and we look forward to starting to welcome people into their new home in 2021.”

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