

EDO - External Venetian Blinds



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Architects: Stanisic & Associates

Location: Woolloomooloo, Sydney

Client: Buildcorp, Sydney

Project Completed: 2008

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Introduction

The project is a prototype for compact urban living environment, containing 31 apartments and a street level restaurant. EDO is located in Crown Street with a west facing elevation. It offers spectacular night views over parkland to the domain and CBD.

This has an attached cushioning layer of external space on each side – individual balconies to the west, and to the east, the rear, a tall, communal gallery from which the lower two floors of apartments are accessed.

Sustainability

The External venetian blinds, manufactured and installed by Horiso on the western facade form an exterior architectural feature. Each individual bank of blinds can be individually operated by the resident, offering privacy on the entertainment deck and protection from the hot afternoon sun.

A gallery, which faces into a small but very well-landscaped private garden, is only semi-enclosed by widely spaced horizontal glass louvres, giving it the character of a winter garden. This is effectively an external space, of a scale and width to invite casual use and children's play, which permits the apartments that open from it to take natural ventilation from both sides. On the top two floors, the apartments are accessed by a more conventional corridor at third-floor level, opening to double-

fronted apartments to the west and to double-storey apartments, entered from the east, which wrap over the corridor to give the principal rooms and their canopied terraces panoramic western views .

Within the unifying system of the building envelope there is a flexibility that enables the bringing together of very different, prototypical apartment layouts, in which the central criterion is the provision of natural ventilation.

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