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Profile

I am a highly experienced and motivated Associate Architect with a strong track record of projects across all work stages and a wide range of sectors. I take pride in focussing on the quality of design as I believe a strong concept and attention to detail will always lead to good Architecture.

Awards & Nominations

RIBA Northwest Awards 2022 (Shortlisted)	Blossom Street / Anco&co
Brick Awards 2021 (Shortlisted)	Blossom Street / Anco&co
MSA Awards 2021 (Winner, Commercial un-built)	Baring Street Office, Mayfield

Current Employment

Tim Groom Architects (June 2014 to Present)

I have been employed at Tim Groom Architects for over 8 years and held the position of Associate since 2015. My role includes acting as a senior project running Architect which has included design and delivery of several acclaimed projects.

I have led a range of projects from concept to completion across multiple sectors including residential, student residential, commercial office and hotels. This has included a mix of new build and also refurbishment including a listed building.

With a 221-bed student and Co-living development recently completed successfully, my current work includes three projects under construction; a 214 BTR apartment development in Leatherhead, a 195 affordable Rent to Buy apartments in Liverpool and a 73-bedroom hotel extension in Blackpool.

I have fostered strong client and team relationships which allows smooth running of projects and has led to several repeat clients and further business development opportunities.

One of my personal focus points is to strive for the highest quality design which I believe manifests itself through both a strong concept along with attention to materiality and details from project inception to completion.

My core responsibilities as Associate within the practice include leading technical reviews of projects across the office. These reviews are carried out at key work stages and milestones as well as ad hoc workshops to assist in resolving key details or the integration of materials into a project. I have also implemented a series of templates and procedures to support these review processes.

I am experienced at managing a large team within the office often split across several projects. As with any practice, this often includes balancing competing deadlines to ensure client satisfaction while maintaining the quality of design and attention to detail.

I regularly support the Part II Architectural Assistants within the practice and have acted as mentor to 10 students who have successfully passed their Part III exams. I'm currently mentoring a further 3 candidates who are intending to sit their exam in March 2023.

In addition to supporting the practice candidates with their studies, I have been invited to The Manchester School of Architecture as a guest tutor, helping 5th year Continuity in Architecture students during workshops and one to one sessions.

Further Employment

Fletcher Rae Architects	Oct 2009 – Jun 2014 (Architect)
Martin Stockley Associates	Jun 2009 – Oct 2009
HKR Architects	Jun 2007 – Nov 2008 (Part II Architectural Assistant)
Broadway Malyan	Jun 2004 – Sept 2005 (Part I Architectural Assistant)

Education

2007 – 2009 Advanced Diploma in Professional Practice in Architecture (Part III), RIBA North West

2005 – 2007 Bachelor of Architecture (BArch), Manchester School of Architecture

2001 – 2004 Bachelor of Arts (BA)hons Architecture, Manchester School of Architecture

Software & Skills

I am confident in the use of a variety of software packages including being an expert user in Revit, AutoCAD and Sketchup.

I am also proficient in the use of the Adobe suite of software including InDesign and Photoshop

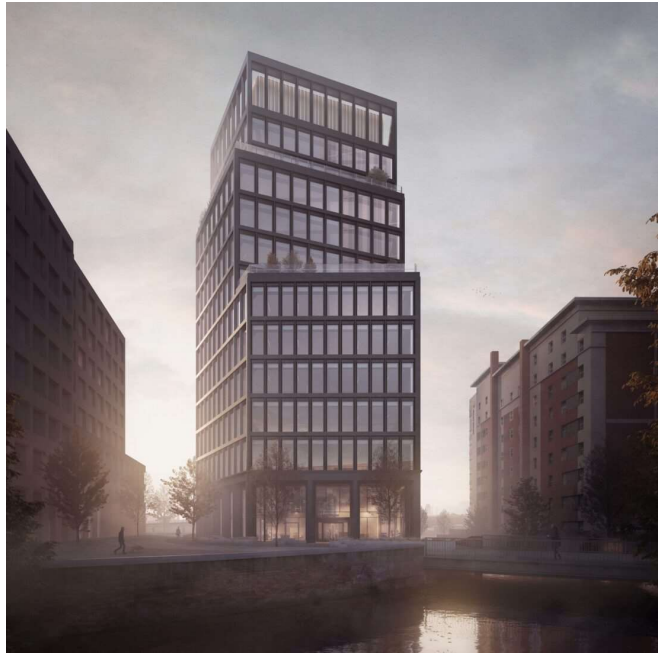
Reference Projects

Blossom Street (Anco&Co)
2015-2020
PRS Apartments
RIBA Stages 1-5
£22m 2-Stage Design & Build



Port Street (The Astley)
2015 - 2018
PRS Apartments
RIBA Stages 1-5
£19m 2-Stage Design & Build

Baring Street Offices, Mayfield
2019 - Ongoing
Speculative Commercial Office
RIBA Stages 1-3 (Ongoing)
£50m (Expected) Design & Build



Lightbody Street, Liverpool
2019 - Ongoing
Affordable Rent to Buy Apartments
RIBA Stages 1-5
£52m Design & Build

Unity Street, Bristol
2020 - 2022
Student & Co-Living Studios
RIBA Stages 3-5
£20m Design & Build



Blackpool Hampton by Hilton
2015 – 2018
121 Bedroom Hotel
RIBA Stages 1-5

(and)

2020 – 2023 (ongoing)
+73 Bedroom Extension
RIBA Stages 1-5



230 Chapel Street
2016 – 2019
6 Apartment Conversion with
Commercial Unit
RIBA Stages 1-5
£0.6m Design & Build

Regatta Group HQ
2012 – 2014 (Fletcher Rae)
60,000sqft Industrial to
Bespoke Office Conversion
RIBA Stages 2-5
£7m Traditional

