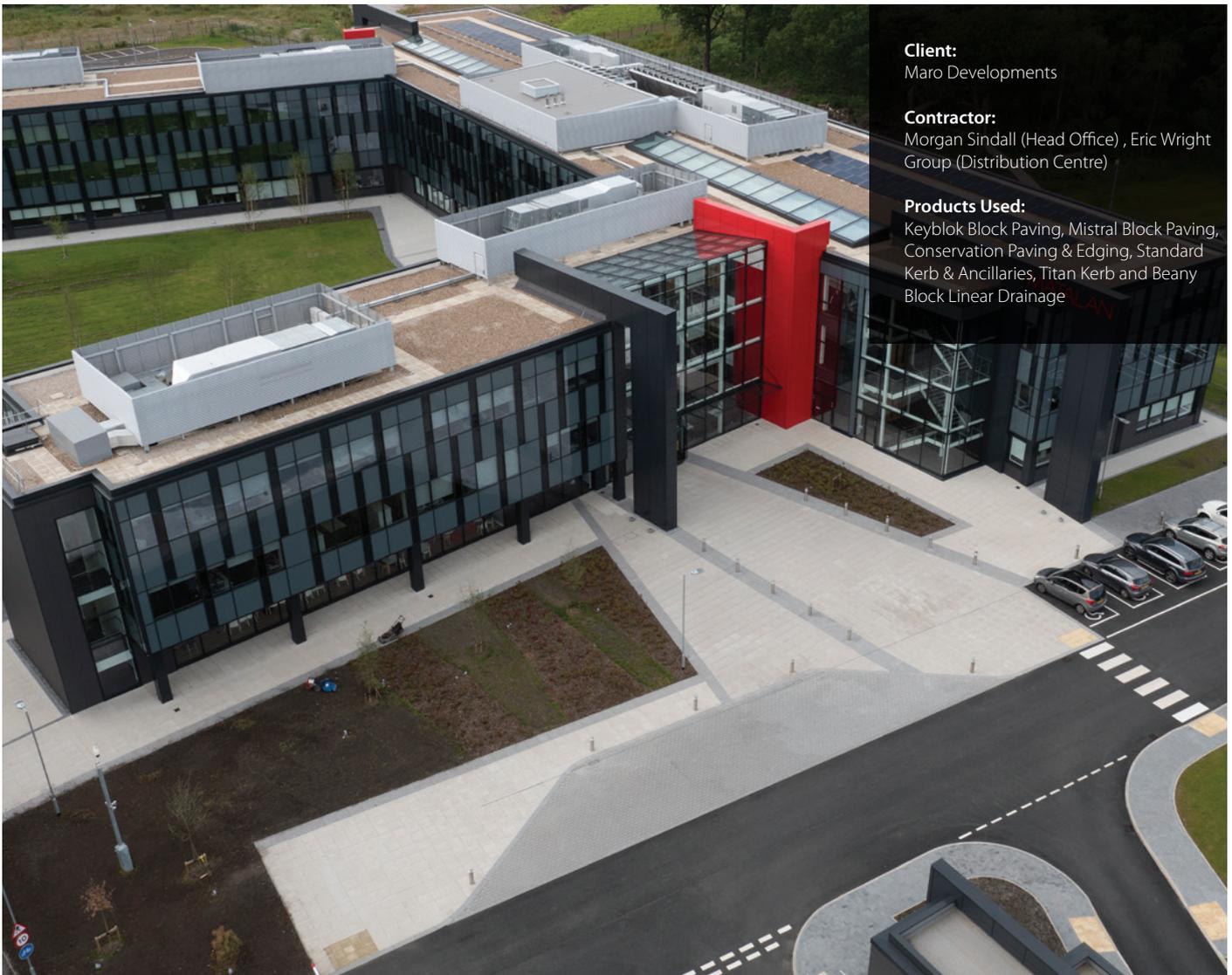


Matalan Head Office



Client:
Maro Developments

Contractor:
Morgan Sindall (Head Office) , Eric Wright Group (Distribution Centre)

Products Used:
Keyblok Block Paving, Mistral Block Paving, Conservation Paving & Edging, Standard Kerb & Ancillaries, Titan Kerb and Beany Block Linear Drainage



Background

Matalan's multi-million pound head office and warehouse facility is an important development designed to ensure the future growth of the business into a leading multi-channel retailer. Converted to meet the retailer's needs, the facility consists of a 10,000m² extension to an existing warehouse facility and an extension to the existing offices, located on a 15 acre site with extensive car parking.

Challenge

Alongside the creation of this striking new Head Office building, attractive and practical hard

landscaping solutions were required around the offices and extensive car parking areas to complement the approach to the building, as well as traffic management solutions for safety and longevity around the distribution centre.

Solution

Matalan's new head office makes extensive use of Marshall's hard landscaping products including paving, block paving, linear drainage and kerbs. For the area around the entrance to the offices, Marshall's Perfecta Smooth Ground Flag paving was selected. Blended with a hard Yorkstone aggregate, this product combines excellent

aesthetics with technical performance qualities, offering excellent non-slip properties in both wet and dry conditions. Perfecta was combined with Keyblok to create an attractive banding effect at the approach to the building.

For the parking areas, Keyblok was specified as an aesthetic alternative to more functional block paving, offering a smoother running surface under traffic. Using white marker block has achieved permanent, high quality demarcation, with blister paving installed at pedestrian crossing points.

Within the distribution centre, Titan Kerb has been installed at the gatehouse and service areas, providing passive traffic control, creating traffic segregation 'pinch points' and protecting pedestrians. The size and shape of the Titan Kerb provides a visual warning to the driver as well as a two stage physical deterrent to overriding by vehicles.

In other areas, Marshalls Beany Block has been installed. This medium to high capacity combined kerb and drainage system has been on the market for 30 years and combines surface drainage capability with large flow capacity, making it more cost-effective and simpler to install than traditional kerb and point drainage. In addition, pathways around the site were created using Keyblok Brindle.

Benefit

In addition to the safety benefits for the distribution centre, Matalan's new Head Office looks imposing on its fifteen acre site, using hard landscaping creatively to enhance safety and add to the aesthetics of the site.

