



The gloriously eclectic home of top chef Mark Hix

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Walk into the light-flooded, triple-height living space and you would be forgiven for thinking this is a well-preserved and sympathetically updated vision of Mid-century furniture and tactile,

HIS west London family pioneering, 1950s modernism. Solid home is not all that it seems. attention; a concrete polished floor is tastefully punctuated by dashes of orange and olive green, and balanced

fooled - this East Sheen house was built in 2000.

Twelve years ago, Robert and Eve
Thornhill were looking for a family home for their two young children -

and at first glance, the house did not seem a promising match. It was the ultimate cliched bachelor pad with a 1990s twist. High-gloss finishes, glass walls and a curved stainless steel staircase – as-trendy as Justin Timberlake's double-denim suit,

future, turning it from tired and tacky into a vibrant family abode. When we bought it, the interior had

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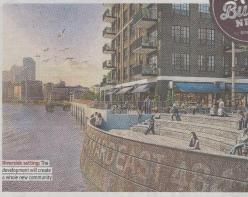
The apartments at Goodluck Hope are impressive. affordable and right on the river

"HE river Thames gains a salubrious addition to its eastern reaches this week in the Docklands with the launch of several new I aunch of several new apartment buildings at the seven-acre neighbourhood, Goodluck Hope. With 804 suites, one, two and three-bedroom apartments, the Ballymore. bedroom apartments, the Ballymore development has a perfect position directly on the river at Leamouth Peninsula, opposite London City Island, Edged by water on three sides, both the name and design of Goodluck Hope is a resounding not the area's maritime beritage. Architects Allies and Morrison even seek that it remediate in the control of the cont took their inspiration from the colour and patterns of the bricks from Orchard Place to the restored, Orchard Place to the restored, Grade II listed dry dock for the surrounding buildings. The interiors are positively swish, too, with New York loft-like floor-to-

With open-plan kitchens and dining areas, the apartments have clean lines, while materials have a contemporary edge. Extra attention has been paid to materials in the hathrooms, too,

ceiling Crittall-style windows,

with exposed indigo bathroom 'Our vision for Goodluck Hope has heen to create a culturally rich, inspiring, riverside neighbourhood community with a focus on innovation at its heart. The area has a strone industrial heritage and we wanted to build on that,' says John





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Mulryan at Ballymore UK. The area is set to enhance its cultural features works by artists including Antony Gormley, Damien Hirst and further, with the English National Eduardo Paolozzi nearby: The Island Florist, led by Richard Bragg from Trinity Buoy Wharf, which will Ballet and London Film

School both

relocating to adjacent London

City Island in 2018. There's a slew of

visual arts and

horticultural community-

minded projects nearby to feed the

creative senses, too, with The Line

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offer flowers for sale as well as floristry workshops. Residents will also have access to Ballymore's own creation, The Island Grocer, an Italian-inspired deli and restaurant and The Wharf Brewing Co on the site of the old Orchard House pub, providing locally brewed beers. There's even a brewing school if you

fancy giving it a go yourself.

As part of the community ethos at
Goodluck Hope, residents will have

access to The 1595 Club, a network amenities under one roof, including 24 hour concierge, pool, steam room, gym and business centre.

Entertainment options include a private cinema and a restaurant with

On the 29th and highest floor of the tallest apartment building, residents will enjoy full use of The Lantern Room, with jaw-dropping views on offer. Conceived as a focal point at the southern edge of Goodluck Hope, the Orchard Dry Dock hus been restored to the outline of a vessel with elevated scating, making it an open, accessible place for residents to meet and socialise. Transport connections

include the Underground from Include the Underground from Canning Town station on the Jubilee Line and Docklands Light Railway in ten minutes to London Bridge. The West End and Mayfair are

secessible in 18 minutes via the Jubilee Line to Green Park. From 2018, the Crossrail link at nearby Canary Wharf will provide access to Soho in 11 minutes. Of the total, 650 homes will be sold

privately, while 150 will be affordable and social housing. First completions are scheduled from 2019. Prices start at £335,000 for a suite apartment Good luck nabbing one.

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