



RAFAYEL LONDON

Due to open in December 2009, Rafayel is part of the Falcon Wharf Development, on the banks of the River Thames in London's Battersea. Developer Mr Ike Latif aims to create "a branded product that embraces technological advances yet is ecologically aware."

The project has been adapted from a building originally designed for developers George Wimpey, by architects Burland TM. The site is adjacent to Hotel Verta, which is currently being developed at Battersea Heliport by Von Essen Hotels.

Showcasing the latest technological advances in LED lighting, air-conditioning and VDA efficiencies, Rafayel aims to minimise environmental impact by reducing each guest's carbon footprint dramatically.

According to Ike Latif, whereas the average

London guest notches up a "colossal" carbon footprint of 70kg per night, at Rafayel this will be reduced to between 17 and 20kg.

Key to its environmental claims is the lighting system, on which the developers have worked in close collaboration with Philips. LEDs are used throughout the building, and the hotel is hoping to reduce overall electrical costs by up to 80%. Other sustainable measures include a heat transfer system and rainwater harvesting.

Latif believes Rafayel will spur "an intellectual renaissance of Battersea" like that of the Left Bank in Paris.

The interior design for the project is by Latis. Facilities include 65 guestrooms, 15 apartments, two restaurants with indoor and outdoor dining, bar, lounge, spa with gym and pool, meeting room, conference hall, coffee shop, brasserie and a florist.

PROJECT DETAILS

Developer: Ike Latif
Architect: Burland TM
Interior Designer: Latis
Est. Completion Date: December 2009