The Spectrum Building

Glasgow, United Kingdom

The Spectrum Building, previously known as Spectrum House, was originally built in the 1960s as an office block. It was redesigned by architecture firm Gordon Murray and Alan Dunlop Architects in 1999, whose work led it to be dubbed the Tinfoil Building.

The nickname comes from the stainless steel exterior that has undergone the Bright Annealing process to make it so shiny. The front of the building, a sheet of bland glass, inconspicuously hides the sculptured, shiny shape of the building’s east and rear walls.

Environment: urban
Use: panel façade
Material: 316L (EN 1.4404) with a bright annealed finish
Architects: Gordon Murray and Alan Dunlop Architects
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