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## ARCHITECTURE

## Waugh Thistleton's sliced timber office



London architecture practice Waugh Thistleton has revealed designs for an 8,400sq m office building in Shoreditch with an entirely timber structure. Visualisations show a block sliced into five sections, exposing the cross-laminated timber (CLT) and glulam internal assembly. Nine floors are positioned around a central core and large foyer, with the vertical cuts through the building providing natural light and ventila-

tion, and a series of intermittent balcony gardens. The firm has used the commission from The Ethical Property Company to demonstrate the possibilities of timber construction, which it has used on a recently completed office building in nearby Curtain Place. Speaking to OnOffice, practice co-founder Andrew Waugh said CLT is, "a viable replacement for concrete in every project," with benefits including a quicker, quieter

↑ Cuts in the facade show a timber structure

and more environmentally responsible construction process.

The design is a proposal to replace Development House, intended to show the site's potential ahead of the Ethical Property Company putting it up for sale.