



## Wakayama University Station, Japan

### Challenge:

Part of a major new commercial, residential and retail development, the station was constructed largely to serve Wakayama University, one of Japan's leading centres of learning. The challenge for architects, Yagiso, was to create it in western style for the project developer, a keen admirer of Western architecture.

### Solution:

As brick is the predominant local building material, Ibstock worked closely with the architect to select brickwork specifications that met the westernised image required, while sitting comfortably alongside other local buildings. Handmade bricks were chosen to reflect the rich red local colour palette, while providing a positive contrast to the largely wire-cut local bricks. The building's impressive façade was created using a special blend of Ibstock Bradgate Regal and Grosvenor Autumn Flame. In line with typical Japanese brickwork detailing, the bricks were laid in modular format with alternate deep courses, providing additional visual interest and texture to the large brickwork expanses.

*Architect:* Yagiso

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### **Brick:**

Bradgate Regal, Grosvenor Autumn Flame