

Trent is all white for Liverpool's first Hilton



Sparkling white reconstructed stone cladding from Trent Concrete, specially selected for its exceptional brilliance and clean aesthetics, will ensure Liverpool's first ever Hilton Hotel will become a landmark building for the city.

As part of a dramatic £920m scheme on the historic Mersey waterfront, the 10 storey, state of the art hotel will be one of the largest and most striking features of Grosvenor's massive Liverpool One mixed-use development.



Having successfully completed the black polished cladding to the Manchester Hilton, we are delighted to be involved with the Liverpool Hilton. It is a perfect demonstration of the efficiency and versatility that precast concrete can bring to landmark developments. ▀

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Project:	Hilton Hotel, Liverpool
Client:	Liverpool Site 11 Hotel Ltd
Architect:	Aedas Architects
Contractor:	Kier Build
Products:	External cladding panels, produced in sparkling white reconstructed White Portland Stone. Structural columns and beams to gable ends.
Completion date:	Summer 2008

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A five star solution

With a site time of only 21 weeks, Trent is producing all the cladding for the Liverpool Hilton using its innovative off site construction methods.

As well as offering valuable cost savings, Trent's comprehensive turnkey package offers designers true creative freedom, with an affordable and highly durable product.

The 216 room, crescent shaped hotel, designed by Michael Squires and Aedas Architects, will be based in Canning Place, opposite the historic Albert Dock.

The Brief

Aedas Architects, which has worked with Trent Concrete on many high profile projects such as Belvedere in Manchester and Hadley School in Telford, approached the company to design the eye catching concrete cladding to complement the Hilton's sleek, modern look.

Solution

Under the £2.5m contract, Trent is manufacturing more than 6,500 square metres of reconstructed White Portland Stone cladding. A whiter than white Spanish Dolomite finish also gives the building an added sparkle and really makes it stand out in a crowd.

The main wall panels are made in two storey 7 metre heights, with a mullion effect used vertically to visually stretch the building. Meanwhile, fascia beams cross the panels horizontally every second storey.

Finally, an impressive white colonnade is set to greet visitors approaching the hotel's luxurious lobby.

Benefits

Trent's off-site construction methods mean the finished products will be ready for delivery on a just in time basis and fixed to the structure directly from the trailer. This avoids the need for costly scaffolding and associated site preliminaries.

On the gable ends of the hotel's side elevations, structural columns and beams from Trent give the building added stability - proving precast can offer much more than simply breathtaking aesthetics.

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