

Kingspan News

The newsletter of Kingspan Access Floors

Kingspan gains one of its largest ever orders in the Middle East

We have gained one of our largest ever orders in the Middle East – to supply nearly 44,000 sq m of panels to a 45-storey office tower being built in Kuwait City.

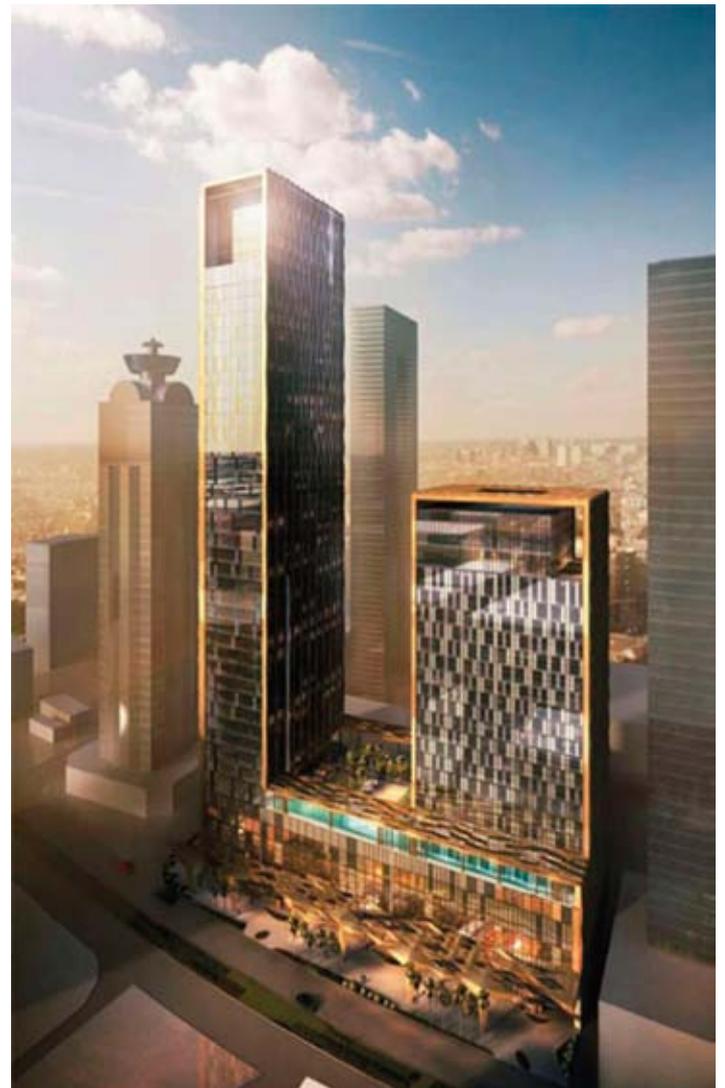
The order for the Burj Alshaya Centre was placed directly by the developers, the Alshaya Group, after we were initially approached by the London office of their design consultants, Gensler.

As part of the process to gain the work, the Alshaya Group asked us to provide 1100 sq m of panels last year so that a complete floor could be installed, enabling them to see the quality at first hand. That flooring is now part of the overall project and the remaining panels are being shipped in three phases, during October 2016, December 2016 and February 2017.

Thomas Koshy, Kingspan's Regional Manager in the Middle East, said: "As the UK's leading raised flooring manufacturer we were able to give the Alshaya Group the reassurance that we can supply the product in batches of 11,000 sq m in just 10 days ex works. This will enable them to complete 10 floors with each of the first two shipments, with a larger shipment to complete the order."

We are supplying approx 35,400 sq m of RMG 600 panels for the office areas and 8,500 sq m of heavier grade DRF 600 to take the weight of a stone finish in the corridors and reception area.

The Burj Alshaya project comprises three distinct buildings – the commercial tower, a 23-storey hotel and a podium.



A computer generated impression of the Burj Alshaya Centre.

2017 will be an exciting year for Kingspan: See page 3

A mammoth task for our access flooring

One of the strongest floors in our range has been installed in a gallery at the Natural History Museum whose displays have included four tonne mammoths!

Nearly 900 sq m of the DRF 600 raised floor panels is now in the Waterhouse Gallery, replacing timber and chipboard flooring that was not able to withstand the rigors of accommodating temporary exhibitions that have included very heavy objects.

Temporary exhibitions impose much higher levels of wear and tear on the fabric because they can generate high foot



The Natural History Museum.

fall and an ongoing cycle of installation, alteration and removal of displays and exhibits.

Our DRF 600 steel encapsulated floor panels are 32mm deep and can carry a uniformly distributed load of 12kn per square metre.

Whilst the flooring renewal was carried out, main contractors Sykes & Son Ltd refurbished the gallery space, including

renewing fixtures, upgrading services, and heritage repairs.

When the Natural History Museum opened in 1881, the Waterhouse Gallery displayed fossils, corals and sponges. It became a dinosaurs gallery in 1977 and three years later a gallery for wildlife in danger. For the past 10 years it has been used for larger temporary exhibitions.



A computer generated image of One Angel Court.

Kingspan panels in One Angel Court development

Our RMG 600 panel has been chosen for One Angel Court, a new 24-storey office and retail development in the city of London, close to the Bank of England.

Nearly 27,000 sq m of panels are being installed on all floors of the building. Kingspan Contracts began work in August and are due to complete the installation by the end of the year.

Designed to achieve a BREEAM Excellent rating, the One Angel Court project involves the complete redevelopment of a 25-storey 1970s octagonal tower, stripping the building to its core and recladding it with floor to ceiling glazing.

One Angel Court will have a double height entrance of over 9,000 sq ft and will provide approximately 300,000 sq ft of high quality office accommodation, with six 'Garden' and 18 'Sky' floors with five terraces, enhanced ground floor retail space, including a 16,000 sq ft restaurant, and public realm.

The scheme has been designed by Fletcher Priest Architects for Stanhope PLC and Mitsui Fudosan, with the main contractors being Como.

2017 promises to be an exciting year for Kingspan

New products to be launched for both the UK and international markets

MANAGING DIRECTOR RALPH MANNION IS FORECASTING AN EXCITING YEAR AHEAD FOR KINGSPAN ACCESS FLOORS AS WE PREPARE TO LAUNCH SEVERAL NEW PRODUCT RANGES. PROJECTS DUE TO COME TO FRUITION IN 2017 INCLUDE:

- The launch of a range of high end finishes to complement the success of our Attiro product.
- An expanded product offering for the data centre market.
- A new product for the European market.

Ralph said that although growth in the London property market was likely to experience 'some softening' during the

second half of 2017 after substantial increases in the past two years, Kingspan would not be standing still.

"There will be some headwinds but we are confident we can continue to push the business forward positively, both in the UK and internationally. We have a solid project pipeline domestically and we are seeing increasing opportunity in Europe and the Middle East," he said.

"There has been a lot of comment and speculation in the media about Brexit but we can only control the controllables and our focus will be to get on with managing our business effectively."



Ralph joined Kingspan in 1998. He was Managing Director of the Environmental Division at Kingspan Group PLC from 2011 to March 2014 and was General Manager of both the Insulated Panels and Access Floors business in North America and Sales Manager for the Insulation business in Ireland.

Work to start shortly on installing our panels at No. 1 Spinningfields

We are starting work in November to install over 25,000 sq m of access flooring at No. 1 Spinningfields, a 24 storey Grade A office development being built within Manchester's premium business district.

The RMG 600 panels will be installed on levels 1 to 17 of the £73 million development, whose design and build contractors are BAM Construction.

No. 1 Spinningfields is the largest commercial building under construction in Manchester and will be the tallest commercial building to be built in the city in the last 50 years.

Features of the building include a podium that cantilevers over adjoining streets, a premium business lounge and a roof-top restaurant 100m above the ground, opening onto a substantial garden terrace with panoramic views over the city. The D & D operated restaurant and terrace is described as "Manchester's most glamorous operation yet" and will be complemented by No.1 Spinningfields' state-of-the-art business facilities, oyster and champagne bar and Marks and Spencer food hall.

The building will be constructed to a BREEAM 'Excellent' rating and as part of our commitment to sustainability, all panel off cuts will be recycled at our Hull factory.



A computer generated image of No. 1 Spinningfields.



Come and see Attiro at our showcase installation in Canary Wharf



ARE YOU CONSIDERING USING ATTIRO FOR A PROJECT? HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE OUR STYLISH AND PRACTICAL WOOD FLOORING IN USE AT CANARY WHARF, LONDON?

We'd like to invite architects, interior designers, contractors and developers interested in using Attiro in their upcoming projects to come and view our product up close. Discover the versatility of Attiro as we share the technical details of the product and give a demonstration of its removal.

If you'd like to come along to the Columbus Building at 7 Canary Wharf to view our pioneering Attiro flooring, contact us on 01482 781701 or email us at info@attiro.co.uk. Appointments are available Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm.



Using our recommended lifting device to remove Attiro.

Questions, comments or feedback

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RIBA specification for Attiro

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Using NBS Plus, designers can specify Kingspan Access Floors products, including Attiro, with just one click, importing the relevant product information directly into their specification.

For more information see <http://www.ribaproductselector.com/Product.aspx?ci=18880&pr=KingspanAccess-AttiroFlooring>