

HI-MACS® lights up a Retail Park's façade in Edinburgh



Leonard Design Architects have been involved in a major upgrade for **Fort Kinnaird's Retail Park** in Edinburgh by creating a dramatic backlit façade made of **Solid Surface HI-MACS®**.

The international firm of architects and interior designers were commissioned by British Land to undertake the project which has seen the 200,000 sqft site turned into a thriving mixed-use retail and leisure-led destination.

All of the current frontages have been replaced with high quality, visually appealing HI-MACS®. The versatile material was backlit with LEDs, enabling the buildings to have a different appearance at night and making them stand out from the adjoining units.

Following this, further rationalisation of the car parking and provision of a new 1000 space MSCP will free up additional development opportunities. This will bring a more diverse range of high street retailers, café's, restaurants and leisure facilities arranged around a series of high quality, enticing public spaces.



Offering almost infinite design possibilities, **HI-MACS®** is the perfect material for exterior **cladding** and boasts a long list of features and benefits, including three-dimensional thermoplastic forming capabilities and an extensive range of colours. It was particularly selected for this project due to its excellent resistance to weathering and dramatic translucency.

Supplied by UK distributor **James Latham**, the cladding for the impressive facades was fabricated by Glasgow based specialist, **Independent Furniture and Interiors** using **HI-MACS® 12mm translucent Opal and Solid Diamond White** sheets.



Emma English, HI-MACS® Specification Manager for James Latham who worked on the

project, commented, “Leonard Design have done an amazing job here. It’s a really impressive project, which shows just what can be done. These shops now have high quality, visually appealing frontages and we are delighted to see the significant and dramatic impact that HI-MACS® solid surface has added to the cladding element.”

HI-MACS® by LG Hausys has recently been awarded the QB certification and CSTB ATec “Avis Technique” for facades in their S828 colour Alpine White.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Location: Newcraighall, Edinburgh

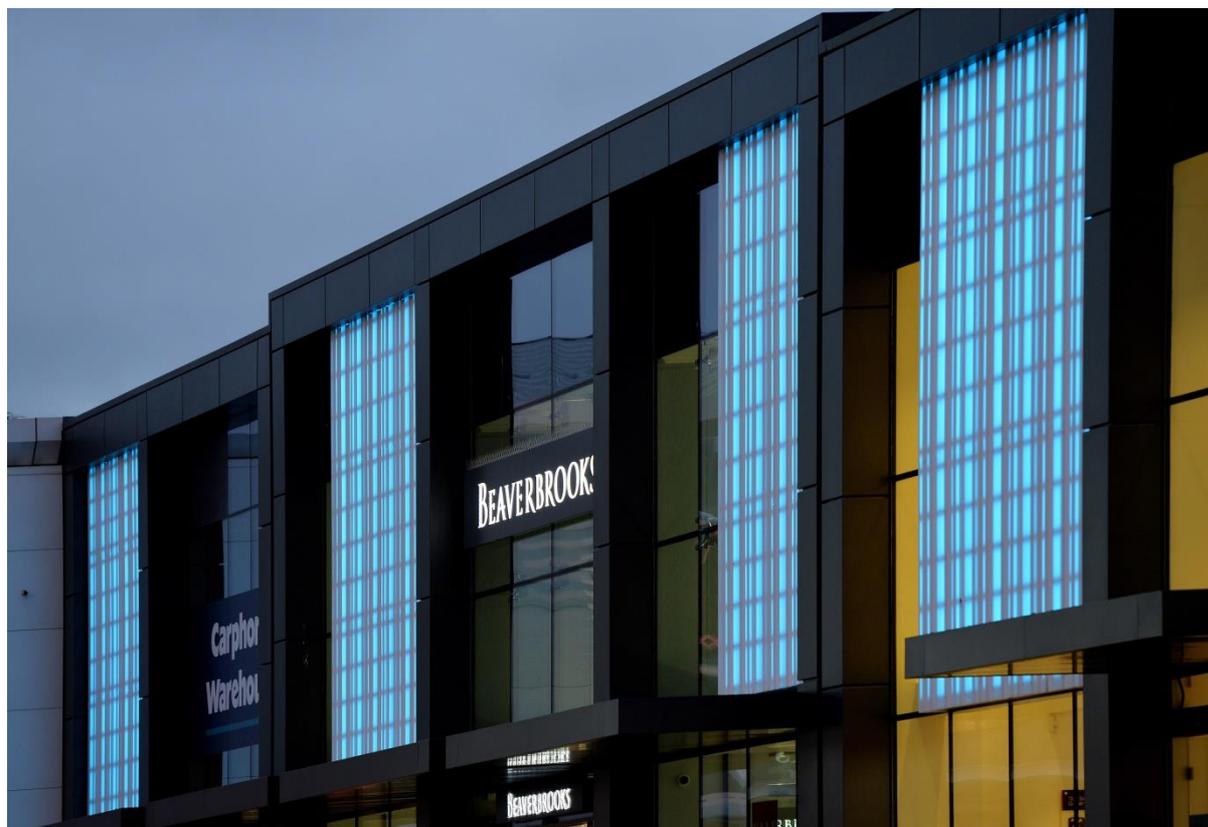
Architect: Leonard Design Architects - <https://leonard.design>

HI-MACS® Fabrication: Independent Furniture and Interiors, Glasgow - www.independentfurniture.co.uk

HI-MACS® Supplier: James Latham

Material: HI-MACS® S302 Opal and S034 Diamond White – www.himacs.eu

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HI-MACS® by LG Hausys

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HI-MACS® is a solid surface material that can be moulded into any shape. It is widely used for architectural and interior applications, such as sculptural and high performance wall-cladding or kitchen, bathroom and furniture surfaces, in commercial, residential and public space projects. It is composed of minerals, acrylic and natural pigments that come together to provide a smooth, non-porous and visually seamless surface which meets the highest standards for aesthetics, fabrication, functionality and hygiene – offering manifold advantages over conventional materials.

HI-MACS® provides limitless possibilities for surfacing solutions and inspires creative minds from all over the world. **Zaha Hadid, Jean Nouvel, Rafael Moneo, Karim Rashid, Marcel Wanders** and **David Chipperfield**, among others, have completed fabulous projects using HI-MACS®.

At the forefront of innovation as always, **LG Hausys** recently introduced two new products. First **HI-MACS® Ultra-Thermoforming**, an innovative formula that pushes the boundaries of solid surface shaping to a whole new level, with 30% more thermoplastic capabilities - the biggest innovation for the Solid Surface history since its inception in 1967. And now, **HI-MACS® Intense Ultra**, combines the best of two worlds: **Ultra Thermoforming and Intense Colour Technologies**.

LG Hausys' HI-MACS® uses a simple heating process to give three-dimensional thermoplastic forming capabilities, allows visually seamless designs, offers a virtually limitless range of colours and – for some shades - exhibits a special translucency when exposed to light. Although HI-MACS® is almost as robust as stone, it can be worked in a similar way as wood: it can be sawn, routed, drilled or sanded.

HI-MACS® is manufactured using a new generation technology, the **thermal cure**. The temperature reached during the manufacturing process sets HI-MACS® apart from other solid surfaces and creates a denser, even more homogeneous, sturdy, durable surface – with a better resistance and superior thermoforming performance.

HI-MACS® does not absorb humidity, is highly resistant to stains, and is easy to clean, maintain and repair.

Countless internationally recognized certificates attest to the quality of HI-MACS® in terms of ecological commitment, hygiene and fire resistance – being the first Solid Surface in the market to receive the official **European Technical Approval (ETA) for façades** – for Alpine White S728 colour. Furthermore, HI-MACS® has obtained the French **QB certification** and **CSTB ATec “Avis Technique”** for facade applications.

HI-MACS® offers a 15-year warranty for products fabricated by a Quality Club Member.



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