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The 1841 coffee and espresso bar in Glasgow uses HIMACS for some Italian flair.



In 1841 the **Thomson Coffee Roaster company** was formed, and nearly 200 years later this great coffee and espresso bar has opened – showcasing the delicious coffee and acting as a retail shop for Thomson coffee. With a mix of modern, minimalist materials, such as the **solid surface HIMACS**, and traditional period features like the art deco motifs and Japanese-style joinery, the owners have created a space that is calming and welcoming, whilst also maintaining a high attention to detail and with a clear design aesthetic.

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As with any public space, hygiene, cleanliness, and ease of use is paramount, so the owners, Grant Dick and Russell Jenkins, decided that HIMACS was the perfect material for the countertop. It is hardwearing and resilient against almost all everyday stains such as fruit juice, coffee and red wine. HIMACS is totally non-porous and impervious and it is extremely scratch resistant, usually needing just a gentle scrub with a mild abrasive. HIMACS is also heat-resistant, due to the innovative thermalcure technology used in its manufacture.



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The design of the coffee shop mixes the solid surface's minimalism with period features within the space to represent the past and present, which ties in with Thomson's as one of Glasgow's oldest roasters, whilst staying at the forefront of the industry for so many years.

The space adjoins Glasgow's Botanic Gardens and is next door to the grade one listed building, the Botanic Gardens Garage, so these two areas have influenced some of the inspirations inside including the colour palette, art deco motifs and a nod to Japanese style joinery. The HIMACS solid surface material, in **Terrazzo Classico**, was the perfect material to compliment all the joinery details whilst also being ideal for the work flow, and providing a fitting link to the Italian origins of espresso itself.



1841 coffee

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HIMACS elements:

Countertop in
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HIMACS 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 quality, aesthetics, fabrication, functionality and hygiene – offering manifold advantages over conventional materials.

HIMACS 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 HIMACS.

At the forefront of innovation as always, LX Hausys recently introduced two new products. First **HIMACS 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. Now, **HIMACS Intense Ultra**, combining the characteristics from two disparate worlds: **Intense Colour Technology** and **Ultra-Thermoforming**.

HIMACS 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 HIMACS is almost as robust as stone, it can be worked in a similar way as wood: it can be sawn, routed, drilled or sanded.

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

HIMACS 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 HIMACS 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, HIMACS has obtained the French **QB certification** and **CSTB ATec “Avis Technique”** for facade applications.

HIMACS offers a 15-year warranty for products fabricated by a Quality Club Member.



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