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Palm Court Hotel, Aberdeen

The hotel has undergone an ambitious £3.5m refurbishment programme with internal and external decorative work completed. As part of the renovation, the hotel has also become home to one of the area's first custom-built wedding ceremony rooms.

Contractor: McLaren & Co Ltd

Task: As a hotel and prospective wedding venue, creating a great first impression for the Palm Court was a key requirement of the design brief. The hotel's close proximity to a main road meant that the exterior facades of the building were vulnerable to the damaging effects of carbon pollution as well as the often harsh Scottish climate and so the specification of a masonry paint that combines aesthetic appeal with long-term protection was vital. The hotel's interior was also transformed, with McLaren & Co completing intensive preparation work prior to redecoration.

Product: A variety of Leyland products were used, Leyland Vinyl Matt Emulsion was applied to provide a smooth, hardwearing and durable finish for the walls and ceilings; in communal areas the team used Leyland Acrylic Primer Undercoat before hanging a high-quality lining paper.

The general purpose water-based undercoat is ideally suited for use on interior projects where use of the facilities needs to be resumed as quickly as possible as it is both quick drying and low-odour. Externally McLaren & Co Ltd suggested the use of Leyland's Truguard smooth masonry paint in Brilliant White, with key features painted black. By providing a durable film that protects against weathering and atmospheric pollution, the paint also features the anti-carbonation properties that resist the ingress of carbon dioxide from car exhaust fumes.

Background: With strict deadlines to meet, McLaren & Co Ltd worked closely with main contractor Alken Construction Ltd and the architects at Nicoll Russell Studios to devise a paint specification that would successfully tick all the boxes. The new and improved Palm Court Hotel opened in time to host the prestigious Aberdeen Oil Exhibition and as well as a luxurious wedding suite, its facilities now include a restaurant, bar, three functions rooms and 23 stylish bedrooms.



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