

## **Champion Solution for Liverpool**

When Liverpool was awarded the status as the Capitol of Culture for 2008 it was decided to showcase the cities achievements with a dedicated building.

Taking over an existing building the city authorities contracted Styles and Wood to refurbish the building, in Whitechapel, to provide a state of the art exhibition centre -"08 Place". The building was finished to offer an aesthetically pleasing environment for visitors and the final floor finish was, therefore, chosen to offer an aesthetically pleasing, easy on the eye floor finish.

Working with Resdev Ltd, SGL ACOTEC Ltd suggested the use of a two colour epoxy terrazzo floor finish to the public areas of the building. To further enhance the aesthetic nature of the finished product some areas of the floor finish were finished in the terrazzo system which had had glass aggregate incorporated into the matrix.

Grinding, grouting and polishing the applied screed exposed the granite and glass aggregates leaving a hard wearing, colourful finish to the floor.

Perimeter walls, floor penetrations, feature panels and the stairway were finished with pre-formed units manufactured in the same material as the floor, thus continuing the terrazzo effect throughout the public areas.

In addition to the terrazzo floor finishes, polymer modified screeds were laid beneath the terrazzo to make up levels.

All of the operations including the initial preparation, laying, grinding, grouting and final polishing were carried out by SGL ACOTEC Ltd directly employed labour.

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