

COMMERCIAL CASE STUDY

HAYMARKET, EDINBURGH.



Project Summary

A truly remarkable project to be involved with, we were appointed by Sir Robert McAlpine (SRM) to undertake internal painting and decorating works to B4/B5 Building, Haymarket Edinburgh.

Our works included taping and jointing, preparation and application of decorative and specialist finishes to the two 8-storey office blocks and the striking central atrium covering some 110,000sq ft and including offices, café and kitchen facilities, meeting and events spaces, break out areas, reception areas, corridors, staircores and a bike store area. With a challenging programme to meet, we worked closely with SRM and other trades to mitigate delays and ensure timely phase-by-phase handovers for client inspections.

Our specialist preparations included extensive areas of taping and jointing to plasterboard ceilings and walls as well as to more intricate ceiling details and bulkheads, using needle guns on steelworks, using scissor lifts and spider training to reach challenging areas of up to 30 metres in height, and using vacuum-controlled diamond grinders on concrete floor areas. We also undertook specialist cradle works in the atrium, requiring our operatives to receive on-site training for accessing high-level steelworks within the atrium.

After much careful preparation, our team set about bringing to life the stylish and bold vision for the internal design specification, requiring over 15,000 litres of Johnstone's paint products across a multitude of different finishes and shades. Overall, the end result was spectacular providing a substantial amount of beautiful yet functional workspaces within the city, to help attract and retain talent.

Throughout the project, we met all required standards, completing on time and within budget, and providing anticipated benefits for the end user. The project stands as a testament to the power of collaboration and meticulous planning, setting a high standard for future developments.

We have won the following awards for the Haymarket project: *Johnstone's Painter of the Year Awards 2024 'Supreme Winner', Painting and Decorating Association Premier Trophy Awards 2025 'Very Highly Commended' and CN Specialists Awards 2025 'Finalist'.*

Key Facts

Project Name	Haymarket B4/B5 Buildings, Edinburgh
Client	Sir Robert McAlpine
Service	Painting and Decorating
Length of Contract	24 months (original contract)

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