



World Famous Art Deco Midland Hotel in Morecambe begins extensive restoration – Quadriga completes concrete repairs

When it opened in 1933 The Midland Hotel received widespread critical acclaim and its radical design was considered a masterpiece of modernism. After changing hands many times The Midland was in a sorry state. Shabby in appearance, its rotting window frames, leaking roofs and peeling paintwork were visible of the years of neglect and investment.

The current refurbishment project has had many false starts but now Urban Splash, specialists in the regeneration of urban communities, has been granted planning permission for its proposal to restore the building as a 46-bedroom hotel keeping it true to the original vision of Oliver Hill, the architect.

In the early stages of restoration, Quadriga have been commissioned to carry out the concrete repairs to the basement and three floors. The building was originally constructed around steel frames with concrete slab floors and brick walls resting on shallow foundations which spread the load across the sandy surface of the site. The walls were faced with white mineralite render to match that of the existing which was originally created in the 1950's by Remmers who reproduced the original recipe again for this project which consists of glass, cement and carborundum, This render was then etched to enhance the appearance of the glass fragments, giving an almost sparkling effect.

The concrete repairs took 10 weeks to complete and Quadriga have recently tendered for the rendering part of the refurbishment.

The hotel is due to be completed by summer 2007.

Picture One: Artists impression of the newly refurbished Midland Hotel in Morecambe

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Picture One