

## Royal Highland Hall

Completed in 2003 the Royal Highland Hall was part of a significant £4 million investment that was formally opened by HRH The Princess Royal. The 18,000 sqm building, designed by Murray Architects, utilised Eurobond's Europanel system to provide an aesthetically pleasing, fire resistant insulated solution for the build concept of this new and extremely flexible exhibition hall and associated facilities.



Highland Hall comprises of 140m x 60m exhibition arena with a linked two storey entrance building housing offices and a VIP area. The building started life as an open-sided premises showcasing animals. Subsequently, it was decided that greater flexibility of the space could be achieved if the building were enclosed and extended.

As a result, Highland Hall has become a very attractive multi-function, high performance facility, and a welcomed addition for the surrounding community. With the ability to accommodate up to 12,000 people or even 800 cattle at any one time is likely to encourage increasing demand.

Murray Alexander, Director of family firm Algo was integral in the specification of Europanel for the job. He said "An important issue was the very large, single volume of the building. Because it was uncompartmented, it was essential to ensure minimal risk from fire with a resilient building structure and wall solution. Research conducted by ourselves and Murray Architects concluded that Europanel with it stone wool non combustible core was the most suitable application for the job.

The 135mm thick panels were easily fixed to the structural steel sub-frame helping to save time and money on site. The main hall features panels coated in Corus Colorcoat HPS200® Albatross, with Solent blue wall and corner panels on the entrance building, providing a clean, aesthitcally pleasing solution that stands proud amid the surrounding landscape.



Client: Royal Highland Hall

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