

SPECIAL 110TH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE MAY 2013

# Kingspan News

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# Foreword

By Terry Newman, Managing Director

Welcome to this special issue of Kingspan News, which marks our 110th anniversary and highlights some of the projects that we have been involved in, both in the UK and overseas, during recent decades.

When I read through this newsletter and see the iconic buildings throughout the world containing our access flooring it makes me proud to be part of Kingspan and to work with such an experienced and dedicated group of colleagues.

I hope that you too will find this anniversary newsletter of interest. Many of you will no doubt recognise the faces of some of our team members on the back page!

## Some of the things that were happening in the world on 21 January 1903 (the day we were formed) and throughout the year...



**21 January 1903:** The Wizard Of Oz premieres in New York City.



**21 January 1903:** Harry Houdini escapes from a police station in Amsterdam.



**22 March 1903:** Niagara Falls runs out of water because of a drought.



**16 June 1903:** Ford Motors incorporates.



**16 June 1903:** Pepsi Cola company forms.



**13 December 1903:** The Wright brothers make their first flight.



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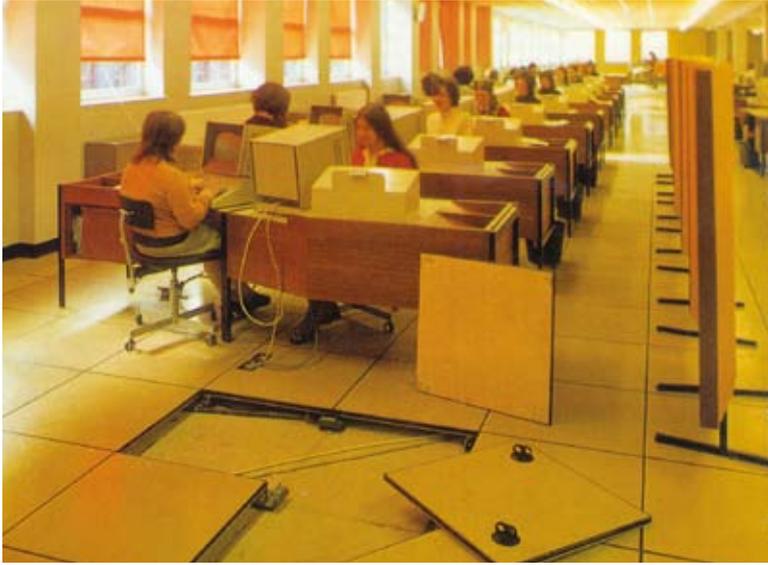
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**Front cover photo:** We installed 200,000 sq m of flooring at HSBC and Citibank in Canary Wharf (2000-2001).

**Back page photo:** Some of the members of the Kingspan team who have played such an important part in our success.



# KINGSPAN THROUGH THE DECADES



## EMPIRE STORES LTD BRADFORD

Hewetsons installed RAM flooring at Empire Stores Ltd in Bradford in the early 1970s.



## GENERAL OFFICES SLOUGH

Our photograph shows RAM flooring being installed at general offices in Slough during the 1980s.



## COCA-COLA UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX

Heavy and medium grade Hewetson panels were installed at Coca-Cola & Schweppes Beverages Ltd premises in Uxbridge, Middlesex, in 1998.



## BP HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

BP at Hemel Hempstead was another recipient of Hewetson flooring in the 1980s.

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## 30 ST MARY AXE LONDON

**Kingspan flooring:** 37,300 sq m

**Client:** Skanska & Swiss Re

**Contract Period:** 2003–2005

30 St Mary Axe (also informally known as ‘the Gherkin’ and previously the Swiss Re Building) is a 41 storey skyscraper in London’s financial district. This iconic building is one of the city’s most widely recognised examples of modern architecture.

## MERRILL LYNCH LONDON

**Kingspan flooring:** 44,000 sq m

**Client:** Mace

**Contract Period:** 2000–2001

The main building provides two of the largest dealing floor plates in London measuring some 80,000 sq ft each and capable of accommodating up to 1,400 dealers.



## WELLCOME TRUST LONDON

**Kingspan flooring:** 17,600 sq m

**Client:** Bovis Lend Lease

**Contract Period:** 2003–2004

This building is the administrative headquarters of the Wellcome Trust, an independent charity funding research to improve human and animal health.





## MORGAN STANLEY CANARY WHARF

**Kingspan flooring:** 40,000 sq m

**Client:** Bovis Lend Lease

**Contract Period:** 2004–2007

The building is Morgan Stanley's European headquarters. The 17 storey premises are 81m high and have a floor space of 42,666 sq m.



## CHISWICK PARK LONDON

**Kingspan flooring:** 100,100 sq m (nine buildings)

**Client:** Stanhope/Blackrock

**Contract Period:** 2000–2013

This 1.8m sq ft office campus in west London is one of the UK's largest business parks. Each building faces the park's 'inner garden' with a featured two-tier lake, waterfall, decked boardwalk, pathways and a variety of tree planting.



## (HOCLAS) HOME OFFICE LONDON

**Kingspan flooring:** 51,900 sq m

**Client:** Bouygues UK

**Contract Period:** 2004–2005

Designed by Sir Terry Farrell, the Home Office Central London Accommodation Strategy (HOCLAS) headquarters comprises three buildings linked at basement level and by walkways at upper levels.

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## CENTRAL ST GILES LONDON

**Kingspan flooring:** 36,500 sq m

**Client:** Stanhope

**Contract Period:** 2009–2010

Built at a cost of £450m, this central London development consists of two buildings of up to 15 storeys in height, arranged around a public courtyard lined with shops and restaurants.



## THE SAGE GATESHEAD

**Kingspan flooring:** 19,900 sq m

**Client:** Tolent

**Contract Period:** 2012

Located by the River Tyne in Gateshead, this curved glass and stainless steel music and arts centre building was designed by Foster and Partners. The planning and construction process cost over £70m, which was raised primarily through National Lottery grants.



## WILLIS BUILDING LONDON

**Kingspan flooring:** 29,600 sq m

**Client:** Structuretone

**Contract Period:** 2007–2008

The Willis Building has been named after its primary tenant, insurance broker Willis. It was designed by architect Norman Foster and is 125m high with 26 storeys. The skyscraper features a 'stepped' design, which was intended to resemble the shell of a crustacean. In total, there are 44,128 sq m of office floor-space.



## CO-OPERATIVE HQ MANCHESTER

**Kingspan flooring:** 27,200 sq m

**Client:** BAM Construction

**Contract Period:** 2011–2012

The Co-operative Group's new £100m headquarters in Manchester is one of the most environmentally sustainable buildings in Europe and it was one of the first in the UK to be built to the BREEAM 'outstanding' designation.



## HERON TOWER LONDON

**Kingspan flooring:**  
39,200 sq m

**Client:** Skanska

**Contract Period:** 2010–  
2011

Designed by architects Kohn Pederson Fox, the 230m high Heron Tower has a reception area that incorporates the largest privately owned aquarium in the UK, containing around 1,200 fish.



## ESSO GLEN: CARDINAL PLACE LONDON

**Kingspan flooring:** 53,500 sq m

**Client:** Sir Robert McAlpine

**Contract Period:** 2004–2005

This £200m retail and office development opposite Westminster Cathedral was built directly over the District & Circle Line tunnels, which pass through the basement! The building rests on rubber shock absorbers to prevent vibrations from the passing trains.



## ONE NEW CHANGE LONDON

**Kingspan flooring:** 30,000 sq m

**Client:** Bovis Lend Lease & ISG

**Contract Period:** 2010–2011

Located on New Change close to St Paul's Cathedral, One New Change is a major office and retail development comprising 52,000 sq m of floor space, including 20,000 sq m of retail space and 31,000 sq m of office space.

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## MOOR HOUSE LONDON

**Kingspan flooring:** 29,500 sq m

**Client:** Skanska

**Contract Period:** 2004

This 84m high building was the first building to be designed for the London Crossrail – a shaft to the station runs underneath the building. When built, Moor House had the deepest foundations in London, reaching down 57m.

## SIX BRINDLEYPLACE BIRMINGHAM

**Kingspan flooring:** 8,000 sq m

**Client:** Carillion

**Contract Period:** 2000

Six Brindleyplace forms part of Brindleyplace – a 17 acre mixed-use canal-side development in Birmingham. Six Brindleyplace provides 8,547 sq m of office space as well as offering retail units.



## MANCHESTER CIVIL JUSTICE CENTRE MANCHESTER

**Kingspan flooring:** 29,000 sq m

**Client:** Bovis Lend Lease

**Contract Period:** 2005–2006

Designed by Denton Corker Marshall, this 17 storey building was the largest civil court to be constructed in the UK for more than a century. Its distinctive architecture has earned it the nickname the 'filing cabinet' because of its cantilever floors at the end of the building. Photo: Daniel Hopkinson/Arcaid.





## THE LEADENHALL BUILDING LONDON

**Kingspan flooring:** 29,000 sq m

**Client:** Laing O'Rourke

**Contract Period:** 2013

The 224m high Leadenhall Building has a distinctive tapering shape which when viewed from the west will appear to 'lean away' from St Paul's Cathedral. Due to its shape, the building is informally known as 'the Cheesegrater'.



## ALLEN & OVERY LONDON

**Kingspan flooring:** 53,200 sq m

**Client:** ISG

**Contract Period:** 2005-2006

This international law firm's London offices house 2,500 staff. The building was developed with the environment in mind; triple glazing, 580 sq m of photovoltaic solar panels on the roof and over 5,247 sq m of green space all help towards Allen & Overy's environmental initiatives, reducing its carbon footprint and promoting biodiversity in the city.

## LAMBETH COLLEGE SIXTH FORM CENTRE LONDON

**Kingspan flooring:** 5,600 sq m

**Client:** Geoffrey Osborne

**Contract Period:** 2008-2009

The building provides state-of-the-art teaching accommodation in an imposing five storey structure designed by one of the UK's leading architectural firms, BDP.





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## BLUE BAY TOWER DUBAI

**Kingspan flooring:** 20,622 sq m

**Client:** Al Nabooda Interiors

**Contract Period:** 2012

Located in the heart of Dubai's Business Bay, the \$100m Blue Bay Tower has four basement parking levels and 19 floors of Grade A office space above a three storey podium.



## LINCOLN HOUSE HONG KONG

**Kingspan flooring:** 23,500 sq m

**Client:** Swire Properties

**Contract Period:** 1998

Lincoln House was the first office building in Hong Kong to be awarded an 'Excellent' BEAM (Building Environmental Assessment Method) rating by the HK-BEAM Society. The 21 storey building commands harbour views from every floor, and its full-height glazing along the northern elevation maximises natural daylight and views. Photo: Swire Properties.



## MAIN POINT KARLIN PRAGUE

**Kingspan flooring:** 19,500 sq m

**Client:** ProInterier

**Contract Period:** 2011

Main Point Karlin was voted 'the best office and business development' at the 2012 MIPIM Awards in Cannes, beating more than 100 projects from 47 countries. The 10 storey building is hoping to achieve Platinum, the highest level of specification in the LEED system. Photo: Robert Newald.



## CITY TOWER 2 DUBAI

**Kingspan flooring:** 33,400 sq m

**Client:** Khansaheb

**Contract Period:** 1994–1996

Kingspan's supply of 33,400 sq m of flooring for this 22 storey building included 5,000 sq m of marble. The 98m high building was designed by Ralph Baldwin & Associates.



## AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES INDIA

**Kingspan flooring:** 22,000 sq m

**Client:** Access Floors International

**Contract Period:** 2009

Agilent Technologies Ltd's state-of-the-art facility provides savings of 50% by harnessing glare-free daylight and by installing air conditioning in the Kingspan access flooring void instead of in the ceilings. Photo: Mayank.



## FINANCE TOWER BRUSSELS

**Kingspan flooring:** 110,000 sq m

**Client:** Dynabat

**Contract Period:** 2006

The 36 storey Finance Tower underwent a large-scale renovation between 2005 and 2008 that included constructing an 11 storey building to the east of the tower. The renovated building provides office space for 4,600 workers, an increase from the 3,200 prior to renovation.



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