

Trinity Square, London

Case Study



Project data

Project: 10 Trinity Square, London

Project outline: Refurbishment of Grade II listed landmark building for London's first 6-star hotel and residential apartments

Architect: Aukett Swanke

Product: Knauf Airless Finish



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London's first 6-star hotel gets the Knauf spray treatment.

Contractors working on London's first 6-star hotel at 10 Trinity Square relied on the assurances of Knauf's Readymixed Finishing Solutions to achieve the quality required for the iconic project neighbouring the Tower of London and St Paul's Cathedral.

Requiring a top-quality and efficient plastering solution for the Grade II listed landmark building, main contractors Ardmore Construction looked to the Knauf Airless Finish. Under construction by developer, Reignwood Group, 10 Trinity Square will be home to the 100-room Four Seasons Hotel London as well as 41 residential apartments on sale to the public.

With such a high profile project sub-contractor, Spray Plaster Specialists, responsible for the application of the finishing solution, was reassured by the Knauf products having used them on several other large scale projects.

Managing Director, Matt Smith is full of praise for the Knauf Readymixed Finishing Solutions range. "We continue to use Knauf Airless Finish because it's a quick and easy alternative to traditional plaster methods," Matt said. "It gives us the quality assurance we need when tackling large and prestigious projects like this one. Ardmore was keen to go with the spray-applied system to make sure that the project receives a high-quality finish at greater speeds. They have been very happy with the outcome that has been achieved."

Knauf Airless Finish has the added benefit of a quick drying time, meaning Matt and his team were able to work at a rate of 30 rooms per week. This method requires a smaller team to work on site and gives applicators far greater control. The heightened quality over traditional plastering is integral to the readymixed method. Every bag of Knauf Airless Finish arrives on site with the same high-quality product inside. The plaster is pre-mixed in Knauf's factories, giving it an even consistency that is hard to achieve with traditional powder plaster.

"We use Knauf Airless Finish because we know the high quality-finish that we are going to get every time. Because the product comes prepared for us it means we are able to deliver a consistent finish, which is vital."

An additional benefit of the Knauf Readymixed Finishing Solutions range is that it significantly reduces the amount of product waste on site. With the simple spray application process, a thin coat of plaster is applied and any excess is removed using a trowel and re-added to the piston pump machine to be reused. Not only does this create less waste, saving money, it creates less mess on site making life easier for the applicator. Another advantage of the readymixed solution is that there is no need for an on-site water source. Matt explains: "The product comes to site pre-mixed which means we don't have to add any water at any stage. Not only does this save time, but it also reduces the mess on site."

There are four products in the range: Knauf Airless Backing, Knauf Airless DuraDeco, Knauf Airless Finish and Knauf Airless Finish Light. These cover every application, including thin joint block systems, pre-cast concrete panels, aircrete blocks, concrete, plasterboards and composite boards and refurbishment over previously decorated surfaces.

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