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## Glasstrends Limited to supply Hilton Hotel, Trafalgar Square



Battersea-based Glasstrends Limited has recently been awarded the contract to supply 64 frameless glass shower enclosures to the Hilton Hotel, Trafalgar Square from County Contractors.

Each bathroom will benefit from a bespoke shower cubicle to replace the existing units. The Glasstrends products will improve both the appearance and functionality of the shower enclosures.

The work will be carried out in phases of between three and five bathrooms at any one time to limit disruption to hotel guests. The project is scheduled for completion by February 2010.

Current Glasstrends projects include both commercial and domestic properties. Please visit [www.glasstrends.co.uk](http://www.glasstrends.co.uk)

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## Unique safety glass cladding solution for new build or refurbishment

A unique safety glass cladding solution, suitable for both new build and refurbishment, is the intriguing new Chromatics product from The Glass Wall Company. Chromatics is not a toughened glass. The exceptional performance standards achieved by this unique product are made possible by the extraordinarily resilient qualities it acquires by bonding together, at a molecular level, float glass, colour layer and metal, transforming them into a laminate. This results in a number of benefits for specifiers, contractors and building users.

It is shatterproof and safe, with independent testing proving indisputably that, while withstanding considerable force, Chromatics breaks safely under repeated extreme impact. The panel does not shatter but retains its integrity, remaining intact and functional until the damaged panel is replaced.

Aesthetically, any stunning colour or image is also possible. Solid colour panels can be consistently matched, time and time again, to any RAL Classic or RAL Design colour. Being encapsulated under the safety glass surface, colours are UV stable and do not fade. By combining Chromatics with leading edge digital printing techniques, an infinite range of exciting graphics is possible too, including the printed replication of any traditional finishes such as natural stone, wood, terracotta, porcelain, marble, ceramic, brick and metal surfaces.

Whereas conventional toughened ceramic-coated glass has to be made to size, Chromatics is a stockable product that can be cut and edge-worked, even after processing – and assembled to suit any glazing system. Potentially, this can save weeks, or even months, when closing the building envelope and can certainly save on costs.

This UK manufactured product uses a low-energy green production technology, involving float glass and organic colour pigments. The product is entirely free from toxic elements, solvent-based compounds and heavy metals such as lead and cadmium – even when supplying traditionally 'difficult' colours such as reds, violets and purples.

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