

HIMACS creates a striking and sculptural reception desk at Pitalia's new Manchester office



HIMACS in Steel Concrete was selected for the reception desk

Real estate investor **Pitalia** has relocated its headquarters from Bolton to Oxford Court in **Manchester's city centre**, selecting HIMACS to be at the forefront of the new business HQ with a **sculptural reception desk designed in HIMACS Steel Concrete G555**. The company's 3,200 square foot office is set over three floors, a prime location in which to grow and develop its portfolio in the heart of Manchester.

The reception desk and rear credenza top were designed by **Gresham Office Furniture** and fabricated by its bespoke joinery team at Gresham Bespoke. *"Gresham Bespoke were approached by Pitalia to design and manufacture the bespoke joinery elements in their Manchester office,"* says Chris Waddington, Bespoke Operations Manager. *"Working closely with the client, we designed a variety of items, from boardroom tables and storage solutions to a reception desk with matching rear storage in HIMACS. We specified HIMACS due to its on-trend colours and robust characteristics, perfect for a high-use reception. The bespoke items were complemented by our vast range of seating, designed for each area."*

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The new office headquarters were given a complete overhaul by Gresham Bespoke and Gresham Office Furniture, who designed and manufactured the interior layout and furniture. The brief from the client, Pitalia, was that the reception desk needed to have instant wow factor as well as durability. Gresham selected HIMACS for its robustness as well as its on-trend colours, choosing Steel Concrete G555 for the reception and the top of the credenza unit behind it. Part of the Concrete Collection from HIMACS, Steel Concrete is available in 6mm, 9mm and 12mm thicknesses and offers a sleek, contemporary look and feel, perfect for a stylish reception area.



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Due to its flexibility and special characteristics, HIMACS is the ideal application for business premises, offices and headquarters. HIMACS is robust and fire resistant, incredibly hygienic and resistant to wear and tear, scratches, stains and UV rays. Moreover, its non-porous surface makes it extremely quick and easy to clean. The thermoformable properties of HIMACS also allow it to be moulded into any shape and size, making it the perfect material for creating reception areas and surfaces. The absence of visible seams also ensures a smooth, seamless look that prevents dirt, bacteria and viruses building up on the surface. This makes HIMACS a Solid Surface material with unbeatable hygienic and safety properties, guaranteed by certifications that comply with **LGA, Greenguard and NSF international standards**.

By incorporating the benefits and unique characteristics of HIMACS, Pitalia's new Manchester office has a sculptural and robust reception desk that provides an instant impact and a memorable welcome.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT DESIGN

Project name: Pitalia Manchester Office

Location: Manchester, UK

Designer: Gresham Office Furniture

Fabricator: Gresham Bespoke

HIMACS Distributor: James Latham

Material: HIMACS in Steel Concrete G555

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HIMACS elements: Reception desk, rear credenza top

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HIMACS Solid Surface

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HIMACS is a solid surface material that can be moulded into any shape. It is widely used for architectural and interior applications, such as sculptural and high-performance wall cladding or kitchen, bathroom and furniture surfaces, in commercial, residential and public space projects. It is composed of minerals, acrylic and natural pigments that come together to provide a smooth, non-porous and visually seamless surface which meets the highest standards for quality, aesthetics, fabrication, functionality and hygiene – offering many advantages over conventional materials.

HIMACS provides limitless possibilities for surfacing solutions and inspires creative minds from all over the world. **Zaha Hadid, Jean Nouvel, Rafael Moneo, Karim Rashid, Marcel Wanders** and **David Chipperfield**, among others, have completed fabulous projects using HIMACS.

At the forefront of innovation as always, LX Hausys recently introduced two new products. First, **HIMACS Ultra-Thermoforming**, an innovative formula that pushes the boundaries of solid surface shaping to a whole new level, with 30% more thermoplastic capabilities - the biggest innovation in the history of Solid Surface since its inception in 1967. And now, **HIMACS Intense Ultra** combines the characteristics from two disparate worlds: **Intense Colour Technology** and **Ultra-Thermoforming**.

HIMACS uses a simple heating process to give three-dimensional thermoplastic forming capabilities, allows visually seamless designs, offers a virtually limitless range of colours and – for some shades – exhibits a special translucency when exposed to light. Although HIMACS is almost as robust as stone, it can be worked in a similar way as wood: it can be sawn, routed, drilled or sanded.

HIMACS is made using a next-generation technology, the **thermal cure**. The temperature reached during the manufacturing process sets HIMACS apart from other solid surfaces and creates a denser surface that is even sturdier, more homogeneous and more durable, and with better resistance and superior thermoforming results.

HIMACS does not absorb humidity, is highly resistant to stains and is easy to clean, maintain and repair.

Countless internationally recognized certificates attest to the quality of HIMACS in terms of ecological commitment, hygiene and fire resistance – being the first Solid Surface in the market to receive the official **European Technical Approval (ETA) for façades** – for the Alpine White S728 colour.

HIMACS offers a 15-year warranty for products fabricated by a Quality Club Member.



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