

Marmox Multiboard Pivotal to Grosvenor Place Project

A high specification refurbishment and conversion project in one of the capital's most desirable areas has seen the specialist fit out contractor making extensive use of Marmox Multiboards, chosen for their outstanding stability and ease of use as a tile backer board.

Much of the work within the period property located in South-West London's Grosvenor Place, is being carried out by a Kent based building contractor, which has employed Multiboards for a variety of challenges in both commercial and residential developments, going so far as switching specifications where inferior alternatives had been proposed by the design consultant or main contractor. In this case the 6 and 12 mm Multiboards were secured down across new and existing sub-floors to take out differences in level, prior to laying ceramic floor tiles in bathrooms, wet-rooms and cloakrooms.



The managing director of the company, himself a time served tradesman, explained: "We have used Marmox Multiboards for a number of years – especially where tiles are going to go on top, because they provide such a stable background – but they have a lot of different applications. These include in office reception areas where all of the cabling is laid between the pedestals of a raised access floor system and the architect is concerned about very heavy loads being imposed, say by pallet trucks. We screw the Multiboards down over the metal floor pans instead of using plywood because it doesn't move, it doesn't shrink and you get a perfect key for adhesive.

"A 6 mm Multiboard and 10 mm floor tile plus adhesive only takes up a total of 18 mm which makes it easier to tie in with other floor finishes. Multiboard is a really good product and when we find something which works we stick with it."

The company director did not want to be named due to his blue chip clients' desire for privacy, but went on to talk about another very successful use of Marmox products in a commercially sensitive situation. He added: "We have also used Multiboard in combination with the Marmox resin shower trays to create temporary shower facilities when we were involved in the refurbishment of a national gymnasium chain. Another contractor had tried using standard shower trays on timber and plywood with falls to a gully, but serious leaks occurred. Our choice of Multiboard with the high quality stone resin trays and welded sheet vinyl flooring proved a success, however."

Marmox Multiboards are manufactured from extruded polystyrene or XPS and offer a range of positive physical characteristics in addition to being fully waterproof. They are both light to handle and easy to cut, while still being able to carry substantial loadings if employed as part of a flooring build up. They further offer good acoustic as well as thermal insulation performance.

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