



Case Study: Royal Sea Bathing Hospital

The historic Royal Sea Bathing Hospital in Margate has gone from disused to 'des res' as part of a multimillion pound project to turn the iconic building into a luxury apartment complex. To complement the stylish, contemporary theme of the seafront apartments, the developers chose Bristan's Carre and Nero ranges for the bathroom specification to offer timeless aesthetics and a luxury bathing experience to residents.

Background

Overlooking Westbrook Bay, the Royal Sea Bathing Hospital is an iconic building which has stood on the northern coastline of Kent since 1791. When it opened, the hospital specialised in the treatment of tuberculosis until the turn of the 20th century when it became a general orthopaedic hospital, before being closed indefinitely in the 1990s. The historic building has now been brought back to life and sympathetically renovated to provide 78 elegant and stylish apartments in the heart of Margate.

Targeting the top end of the property market, the specification for the Royal Sea Bathing Hospital apartments has been an integral part of creating a luxury finish to appeal to the more discerning buyer. The bathrooms and en-suite facilities for each apartment use clean and contemporary white sanitaryware so the taps and shower fittings chosen needed to offer potential buyers the wow factor.

Solution Providers

After searching the market for different types of showers, the specifiers opted for Bristan's Carre shower. As a thermostatic shower, it controls the temperature better for a more consistent experience but the real selling point is the styling. The surface mounted rigid riser and drench shower head take their inspiration from more traditional fixtures, while the addition of an integral diverter handset makes it more modern and flexible for the user. It's a mixture of old and new, just like the Royal Sea Bathing Hospital development.

Durability and Ease of Installation

Bristan's Carre showers are built to last, offering developers peace of mind that the showers they have chosen will offer problem-free operation for many years to come. They feature Bristan's unique 'Fast Fit' fixing system too, to reduce installation time on site and help keep construction projects on deadline.

Water Efficiency

To complement the Carre showers, the specifiers chose chrome basin taps from Bristan's popular Nero range. Nero taps are simple and timeless with curves and soft lines to offer a modern twist to any bathroom suite. The taps are a BMA approved product which can be used with a flow regulator to reduce water usage.

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