Scope of works

This project involved the safe removal of the existing ageing, off white planilaque escalator panels and their replacement with a modern clean, crisp and functional solution.



Overview

The first task involved looking at the existing structure and designing a way to physically fit and fix the new panels to it.



Shopping Centre

Decorative Escalator Panels

LOCATION: Southampton CLIENT: ABM Technical Solutions We had to avoid fixing into the escalators themselves, we wanted the panels to be almost seamless and just like any good architect we wanted to avoid any visible fixings.

We wanted to manufacture as much as possible off site but we also needed the panels to be millimetre perfect. We took the decision to template the top and bottom panels before production and we decided that the panels ought to be tongue and grooved.

Whilst these were in production, we focused on selecting the colour! The escalators greet guests as they enter the Shopping Centre and they create bold elevations which had been used for commercialisation in the past. After a lot of discussions and the review of a lot of samples the decision was made to keep it simple and go with "White Hot" Trovex. It was the right choice, the Commercialisation next to the escalators now really pop and the brushed stainless-steel trim give the elevations a feel of elegance.

The final task was installing the panels. Works were undertaken out of hours and we had to carefully select high level access equipment which could safely navigate its way into the building, be within slab tolerances and work around the existing structures to safely reach all elevations.

The day after we completed the panels, Easy Jet installed their Commercialisation message on the side of the escalators and it looked very smart.