



Hamilton Hall

A new development at the heart of St Andrews, the home of golf

Hamilton Grand, overlooking the Old Course in St Andrews, has recently undergone a multi-million pound redevelopment by The Kohler Company, owners of the five red stars Old Course Hotel, Golf Resort and Spa. It is being transformed into a collection of 26 homes of distinction – two, three and four bedroom apartments together with a private residents' lounge and function suite as well as a new, stylish restaurant and bar that is set to become a firm favourite of those visiting what is known as the home of golf.

Across the project approximately 25 tonnes of the highest quality lead, manufactured to BS 12588, supplied by Calder Lead, has been used on the main roof and on dormer windows and flashings. However, the star of the show is very definitely a new lead-clad dome which was installed earlier this year. The original dome was replaced after a fire in 1976 with a fibreglass replica but this new lead-clad timber frame, weighing 3.5 tonnes, is true to the original structure. The lead sections were constructed in Falkirk by Matheson Plumbing Co. Ltd and the joinery work was carried out by Dundee based firm WBS Keilor.

Gordon Matheson of Matheson Plumbing who undertook all the leadwork on the development said

'It was great privilege to be involved in this project and bring the old Dome back to life. The use of lead on the dormer windows, main roof and flashings was also important as we know when we install lead on a building it means our client will have few maintenance worries and there will be little or no danger of leakage – an important factor in the Scottish climate!'

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Launched in 1895 as The Grand Hotel, it was the height of luxury - the first building in Scotland to have a pneumatic elevator running between floors as well as hot and cold running water in every bathroom. It set the benchmark for the ultimate in hospitality.

The Second World War saw the Air Ministry requisition the Hotel, transforming the landmark into a training headquarters for the Royal Air Force. It then served St Andrews University for more than half a century before the Kohler Co. bought the property and announced their restoration plans.

'Our goal is to restore the Hamilton Grand and create a series of new dwellings that will make the people of St. Andrews proud,'

said Debbie Taylor, President of the Hospitality and Real Estate Group, Kohler Co.

'We are pleased to have restored the building using our restoration expertise, and returning a piece of Scottish history to its landmark status. The lead covered Dome is a really special element of the development that we are particularly proud of.'

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'The dome was constructed in three sections by Keilor in Dundee and then transported to Falkirk where we fitted the lead to each section. The lead clad sections were then transported to St. Andrews and were lifted by the main contractor ISG Construction into position. The lead covering was manufactured to code 6 thickness with code 8 lead clips, concealed copper clips were also necessary due to the seafront exposure of the dome. Once the dome was in position the lead covering was completed and fully integrated into the roof structure. Our workforce covered the dome in four weeks and within budget, and Kholer's representatives were very impressed by the skill and the young age of the workers who fitted the lead. Three of those who worked on the dome have been through the LSA training school, and the other two will be going in the near future to make sure we continue to have excellent craftsmen and maintain our reputation for high quality lead work.

'As members of the Lead Contractors Association, we are very particular about the quality of our work and through our membership we can offer our clients an insurance backed 25 year guarantee on labour and materials. Giving them real peace of mind'.

Douglas Weston CBE, Chief Executive of the Lead Sheet Association said *'It is wonderful to see lead play such a central role in this fantastic redevelopment and on such a well known and important Scottish landmark. It is particularly pleasing to see lead being used in everyday settings, such as the dormer windows and flashings, as well as alongside the historic and beautifully restored Dome on the Hall.'*

'Lead not only looks beautiful, it also lasts more than a generation and is well placed to provide the protection the building needs over time, requiring very little maintenance.'

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