

THE LIGHT

News and Insight for Architects, Specifiers, Surveyors and Facilities Managers

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IT'S BEEN A WHILE

Hi! Well it's been a while since we've been touch and in that period we've been living through strange times. We hope all our customers, friends and colleagues are well.

As we head into our 30th year, a lot has been going on at Structura. We've had a bit of a rebrand (see logo above) and that's just the start. On top of renewing our ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 registrations, we've added ISO 45001 into the mix.

The pandemic has significantly changed the market and we've been extraordinarily busy with clients looking to refurbish their spaces. This is an area where we excel and have a proud history of working on a diverse range of projects from listed buildings through to architectural landmarks.

We strongly support RetroFirst (the AJ campaign to prioritise retrofit over demolition and rebuild) and are increasingly consulting and working with clients to help them match, retain or restore a building's character such as our works on the BT Tower and Congress Theatre, Eastbourne. There has been a marked increase in refurbishment enquiries in the City as well as out-of-town developments as developers realign to new working practices.

Kind regards,

Manny Patel, MD, Structura UK

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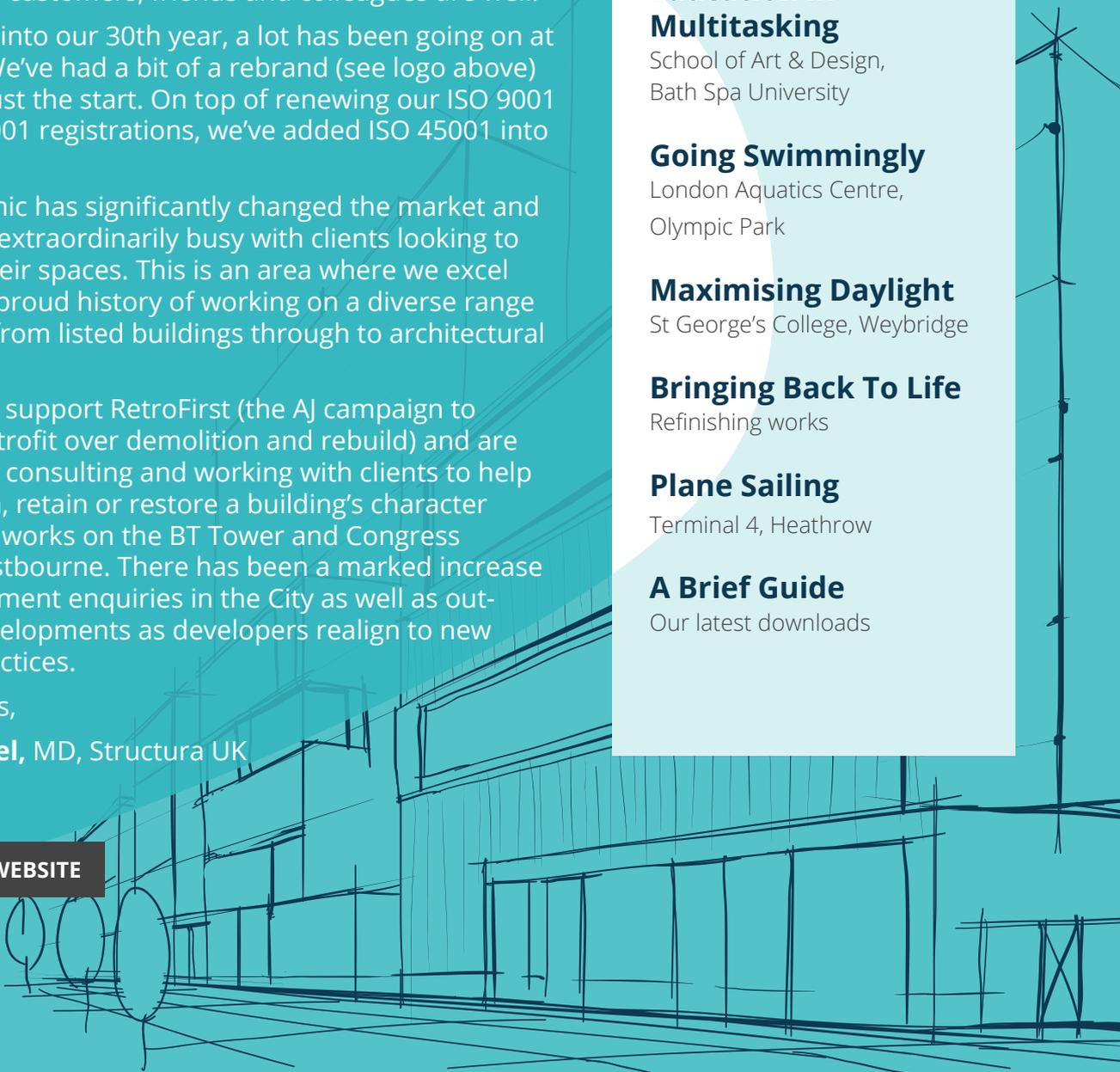
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AN EDUCATION IN MULTITASKING INNOVATION

School of Art & Design, Bath Spa University

We worked closely with Grimshaw architects and main contractor Willmott Dixon transforming the country's oldest GRP building into a new School of Art and Design for Bath Spa.

On the banks of the Kennet and Avon Canal in Bath, the 8,500sqm former Herman Miller factory was originally designed by Nicholas Grimshaw in 1976 and Grade II listed in 2013. The architects returned 40 years later to convert the factory into a modern, bright, functional and flexible space.

This is another example of how well our various divisions can collaborate to provide a one-stop-shop for the complete renewal of facades. It highlights our ability to design, fabricate and install replacement glazing, along with new additions, cladding refurbishment and refinishing. A true one-stop shop!

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GOING SWIMMINGLY

London Aquatics Centre, Olympic Park

An interesting job we've just finished is the Aquatics Centre in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

Inspired by the fluid geometry of water in motion, the 36,875sqm Aquatics Centre designed by Zaha Hadid was one of the most recognisable buildings for London 2012.

Having started early in the year then having to stop through the pandemic, we've been back on site and finished replacing the original sets of oversized bomb-blast doors with modern Tormax automatic sliding doors. These new traditionally-sized doors meant reconfiguring the apertures to accommodate along with associated curtain walling and repairs.

It's been exciting to work on this iconic London building and helping visitors to access, enjoy and marvel at one of the most technologically-advanced and stunning swimming facilities in the world.

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MAXIMISING DAYLIGHT

St George's College, Weybridge

We've completed a stunning project using Kalwall on the new £15m Activity Centre at St George's College. Here, architects Scott Brownrigg have designed a sports hall which sits perfectly in the College's Grade II listed park and which uses Kalwall to maximise diffused daylighting and thermal insulation.

The project has just won well-deserved awards at the Education Estates Digital Awards - including the prestigious Project of the Year - Schools.

Kalwall was specified for the clerestory daylighting and shaped to follow the lines of the curved roof. This allows for diffused daylight to be cast deep into the interior sports areas, thereby removing shadows and glare and the stark contrasts of light and shade. The even distribution of light makes it easier for players to distinguish markings on the floor as well as spotting balls and other equipment. Kalwall is also highly resistant to impact, making it excellent for use in this type of school gymnasium environment.

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BRINGING BUILDINGS BACK TO LIFE

Refinishing works

As one of the country's top specialists for repairs, refurbishment and remedial work for glazing and metal frames, our dedicated Refinishing Team is working hard bringing more buildings back to life.

The key areas of work include:

- Window and Door Refurbishment
- Glass Polishing, repairs and refurbishment
- On-site or off-site spraying
- Listed Building Refurbishment
- Curtain Walling remedials and replacement

The team is always busy working on a diverse range of projects from heritage and listed buildings through to schools, hospitals, commercial and high-rise.

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PLANE SAILING

Terminal 4, Heathrow

Having just received our certificate today, we were really proud to have been a runner up in the AJ Specification Awards 2020 with our project at Heathrow Terminal Four.

Working in conjunction with Structural Engineers Webb Yates for a scheme designed by Pascall+Watson architects, this project was so successful that main contractor Balfour Beatty named Structura as their 'Most Promising New Supplier' for that year !



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A BRIEF GUIDE

If you are at the early stages of scoping or specifying a project, you probably know how long it can take to gather together all the information you need; from company and financial information to policies, sample projects and certifications.

We've made the process easier for you by publishing our 'Brief Guide' which gives you all the information about Structura in one easy-to-access document including:

- Health & Safety Policies
- Quality & Contract Management Information Schedule of Insurances
- Key Personnel
- Financial & Company Information Environmental Policy
- Industrial Information
- Accreditations & Certifications

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