



# The Villa Marina Arcade

## Location

Douglas, Isle of Man

## Description

Refurbishment and extension of Victorian shopping arcade, including small bars and coffee shops for the Gaiety Theatre.

## BAL products used

ADHESIVES: BAL Rapidset Flexible, BAL PTB Flexible

GROUT: BAL Superflex Wide Joint

## Project partners

MATERIALS: Tiles UK, Manchester

ARCHITECTS: Ellis Brown, Isle of Man

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TILER: Simon Trenholme, Isle of Man

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## Bringing back the glory

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Interlocking circles of stairs, curved ramps and sloping walkways required individual tiles to be each re-cut on-site with great accuracy, using advanced water-jet cutting techniques. Tile placement, fixing and finishing needed to be equally precise.

The result: a rejuvenated environment for leisure and recreation that now fully complements the restored Gaiety Theatre and Villa Marina which adjoin the Arcade.

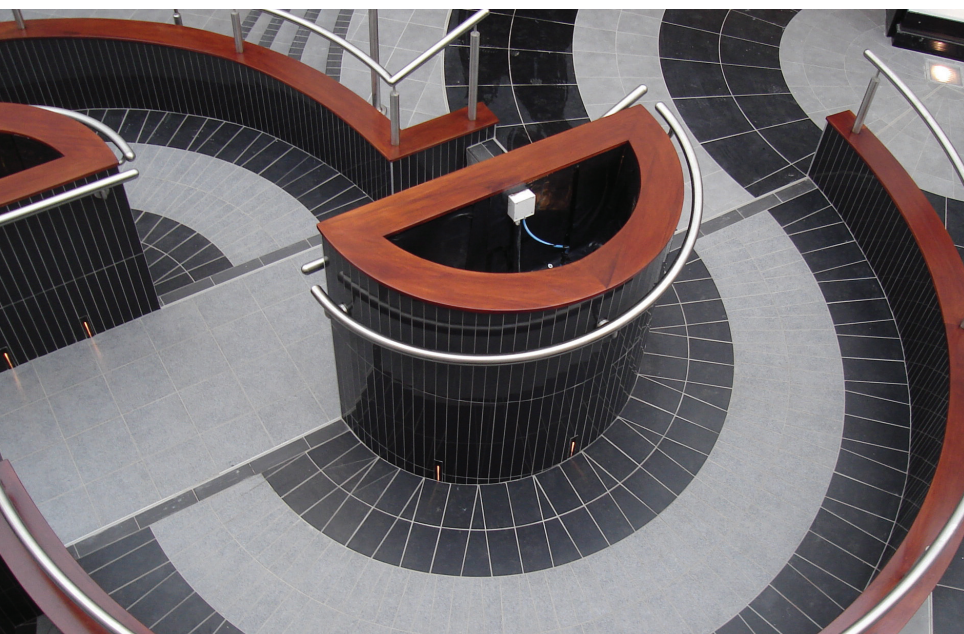
Anticipated heavy daily usage of the Arcade by the public pointed to both adhesives and grouts needing excellent bond strength.

With under-tile heating and pillars on the lower level, and a glass roof likely to cause thermal movement in the floor, flexibility was also vital.

BAL Rapidset Flexible and BAL PTB Flexible were the right adhesive answers – while BAL Superflex Wide Joint was the chosen grout. The tiles were ready to grout after 3 hours.

## Hero products

- BAL Rapidset Flexible
- BAL Superflex Wide Joint



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