

CASE STUDY



Scolmore provides integrated approach for new lighting installation



More than 850 of Scolmore Group's Inceptor LED Downlights are providing a low energy lighting solution in a new £3.5m Apart-Hotel due to open in Piccadilly, Manchester this autumn.

Following Manchester City Council's decision to approve the change of use of the 41,500 sq ft Abacus Court office building - it is now being transformed by SACO Hotels to accommodate the city's latest European-style Apart-Hotel and will be known as SACO House upon completion during summer 2013.

Inceptor was specifically chosen above competitor products because it provides a solution to the issues surrounding restrictive ceiling voids. Inceptor is a high light output, high performance product that can be fitted into a recess depth of just 60mm - making it one of the most flexible fittings currently available.

Scolmore has also integrated its popular Flow Connectors into the product, which make it quick and easy to install, as well as to remove and replace for the purpose of circuit testing - another positive when selecting the right products for the job.

Paul Coffey from William Dyer Electrical Contractors has been responsible for the installation of the products and had this to say:

"We choose to use Inceptor LED downlights in the apartments because of their performance and build quality against price. We found them to be very competitive. They also offer other benefits - we were able to use them in the bathrooms because of their IP rating and we had a limited space in many of the ceiling voids so the ability to reduce the fitting depth was critical. Another advantage for us as a contractor is the installation method, where we can wire to the flow connectors and test the installation then simply click the fittings into place for the final commissioning. This offers the advantage of the fitting not being in place during the construction phase thereby totally reducing the chance of damage and extra costs to ourselves.

"A major deciding factor for the client was the warranty offered by Scolmore, which is five years. Upon completion the on-going maintenance is also easier for the client, because of the flow connector system an electrician is not required to change a fitting, you would simply plug a new one in. This has major benefits for our clients.

"It looks as though the Inceptor fitting is a simple downlight but it is much more than that with some very clever design features and excellent manufacturer backup."