

# Hamilton First for Facades

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# Introduction

Hamilton has been first for facades since 1996. As one of the largest and longest-standing specialist facade contractors in the UK, we're at the forefront of service and delivery.

Our hand-picked and passionate team has extensive experience of all aspects of design and build.

Our business is built on ensuring the best solution is chosen for each client before being installed to the highest standard.

Having worked on more than 100,000 properties, of all types, heights, sizes and permutations, we are not fazed by any project, of any kind. We work as both main and sub-contractor on projects across the country and have become renowned for our knowledge and experience when consulting with building owners, architects, clients and contractors on the best solutions for their projects.

If you need a trusted specialist to develop solutions for projects such as high-rise facade remediation, new installations or external refurbishment, we can guide you through the entire process step by step.

"The workmanship, professional approach to on-site design issues and continued focus on ensuring the success of the project is again a credit to Hamilton."

Daniel Assender Associate, Martin Arnold





# **First for Facades**

When it comes to facades, our job is to make your job simple and straightforward. Hamilton ticks every box for specifiers looking for cladding and other associated finishes.

From all aspects of assessment, research and design, with comprehensive professional indemnity insurance, right through to handover. We've got it covered.

Hamilton is one of a handful of installers in the UK that can offer an insurance-backed warranty from SWIGA (Solid Wall Insulation Guarantee Agency) for any project, unrestricted by height, and we are happy to work as main contractor or sub-contractor on projects across the length and breadth of the country. In either role, we provide the same level of professionalism and exceptional service. Our team is regularly praised for its honest and transparent communication, working in easy conjunction with other trades to complete projects with maximum collaborative efficiency and minimal disruption.

Established for more than 25 years, with an enviable track record of success in a highly specialist market and, with positions on major National and Regional Frameworks, Hamilton is well placed to take on any project of any size, with the necessary supervision to allow seamless on site management and communication.

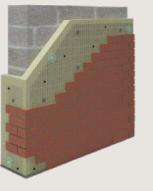
Relationships are important to us and many of our partnerships with both suppliers and clients have lasted for decades, going all the way back to when Hamilton was first established. This means we have excellent communication and credit facilities with top suppliers and the amount of repeat business we secure from long-standing clients is testament to the consistent level of service and peace of mind we provide.

### **Facade System Finishes**

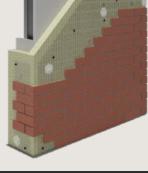




Masonry Stone Wool **Brick Effect Render**  Masonry



Masonry Stone Wool Brick Slip



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# **First for Facades**

We have grown to become one of the largest recognised specialist facade contractors in the UK, in both the new build and refurbishment markets.



### **Partnership working**

From simple supply and installation to bespoke packages, we are here to work with you however you need us, in both the commercial and domestic retrofit and new build markets.

Specialising in all aspects of facades and associated finishes, we are accredited installers for all the main system suppliers and manufacturers, with a proven and award-winning catalogue of work.

As main contractor or sub-contractor, we offer tailored turnkey packages, with full design, supply and management capabilities. This enables us to ensure your project is delivered safely, efficiently and to the highest quality standards.



Ellison House, Ashton-under-Lyne

### **Recladding Facades**

Since 2017, the safety of external cladding in the UK has come under incredible scrutiny. Important regulations on materials and maintenance have been introduced to properly ensure residents' safety and compliance requirements have become far more stringent. This has led to the removal and recladding of affected buildings.

Hamilton has the skill, experience and technical knowledge to make sure your building is fully safe and compliant, without compromising on architectural character or aesthetics. We stay abreast and ahead of all Building Control legislation, so you can rest assured that your building will also be future-proofed. From high-rise external refurbishment schemes, to estate-based low-rise redevelopments, Hamilton has the skill and experience to ensure any project runs smoothly.



St Vincents, Sheffield

### **New build Facades**

An increasing number of developers are choosing modern methods of construction over traditional, with lightweight external walls constructed using a Steel Framing System (SFS) in conjunction with an insulated cladding system. The benefits of these build methods are easier and quicker erection and weatherproofing of the building, leading to faster fit out times, flexibility in achieving end 'U' Values and easier integration of a variety of facade finishes.

Through early collaboration with architects, highly cost effective and quick builds can be achieved with state-of-the-art compliant finishes, materials and designs incorporating curves, edges and feature details as well as traditional elements. These methods allow for more innovative thinking when utilising existing space, providing developers with real commercial advantages when considering projects and setting out budget proposals.



Benmore Estate, Birmingham

### **Refurbishment Facades**

Hamilton has vast experience in introducing new facades to existing buildings. Over the course of the last quarter of a century, we've worked on virtually every type of property you can imagine.

For those with solid brick or non-traditional concrete walls, retaining heat can be extremely difficult. Energy bills are high and the external walls of these properties can often degrade quicker due to moisture ingress. The easiest way to tackle poor thermal performance and increase weather proofing is with an insulated facade.

Installing a cladding system can add value to your property. For example, a property treated with EWI typically increases in value by up to 38% in some parts of England, based on a study conducted by DECC. The Building Safety Fund was launched in May 2020 to cover the remediation cost of unsafe cladding on high-rise buildings. Hamilton has vast experience remediating high-rise buildings around the UK.

# First for Building Safety

The fund is designed to enable the remediation of unsafe facades on residential buildings in the private and public sector that are over 18 metres in height, do not comply with building regulations or have significant construction defects that would affect the performance of the facade in the event of a fire. This fund is predominately targeted at supporting leaseholders in the private sector facing significant bills.

However, the government is clear that for leaseholders living in buildings owned by providers in the social sector, it will provide funding to meet the provider's costs which would otherwise have been borne by leaseholders. The government expects landlords to cover these costs without increasing rent for their tenants. The Building Safety Fund came as the government also published its amendment to the statutory guidance to building safety regulations – Approved Document B. These changes ensure sprinkler systems and consistent wayfinding signage are mandatory in all new high-rise blocks over 11 metres tall.

The Fire Safety Act 2021 empowers fire and rescue services to take enforcement action and hold building owners to account if they do not comply with law.

"Hamilton is well placed to offer information, guidance and advice on securing funding to carry out remedial facade compliance works."



Our business is built on the strength of our reputation; we are entirely committed to quality and best practice at all times. We invest heavily in staff training and improvement and partner with only the industry's most respected suppliers. As a result, our work comes with peace of mind built in.

# **First for Quality**





## INCA (Insulated Render & Cladding Association) Member

The Insulated Render and Cladding Association was formed in 1981 to represent the External Wall Insulation (EWI) industry throughout the UK and to promote technical excellence, high quality and best practice throughout the industry.



#### NHBC

NHBC strives to build confidence in the construction quality of new homes by assessing, inspecting and directly insuring new homes registered with them.

Established for over 80 years, it is recognised by homeowners and trusted by builders and major lenders.



#### PAS 2030 Certified - British Assessment Bureau

Public Available Specification (PAS) is a specification and guidance framework for installing energy efficiency measures.

Compliance with PAS 2030 is needed in order to undertake Green Deal and ECO installations.



## Solid Wall Insulation Guarantee Agency (SWIGA)

The Solid Wall Insulation Guarantee Agency (SWIGA) was developed by leading industry bodies along with Solid Wall Insulation system suppliers. SWIGA operates a robust quality and technical Framework backed by an independent surveillance scheme monitoring installations carried out by SWIGA members.







"Hamilton was crowned 'Installer of the Year', as well as winning 'Refurbishment - Insulation/Render Finish' and 'Refurbishment Insulation/ Brick, Clay, Ceramic, Stone Finish' categories."



**Trustmark - Government endorsed quality** TrustMark Registered Businesses have made a considerable commitment to customer service, technical competence and trading practices.

Choosing a TrustMark tradesperson means you get Government endorsed quality and robust consumer protection.



Robust health and safety procedures are central to everything we do here at Hamilton.

# First for Safety and Design

Safety is paramount to Hamilton and underpins everything we do. Not only does the work we carry out make buildings safer, and entirely compliant with the latest regulations, but we are also committed to operating in the safest possible way, with the best interests of our clients, staff and the general public at heart.

We invest constantly in safety training, products and processes and, thanks to this, we are able to carry the highest levels of insurance. Our public and products liability insurance provides cover of £20,000,000 with no height limit, as does our employers liability insurance.

In addition, the longevity of our business and our reputation mean we are in the enviable position of having Professional Indemnity cover of £10m with no fire and combustibility exclusion up to  $\pounds 2m$  and no height limit.

This cover means we are able to oversee, or be a partner, in the design element of projects, further bolstering the services we can offer to clients. Hamilton is one of a handful of installers in the UK that can offer an insurance-backed warranty from SWIGA (Solid Wall Insulation Guarantee Agency) for any project, unrestricted by height.

We only work with trusted, proven partners and products, ensuring that our supply chain has absolutely no weak links when it comes to safety and risk management.

With multi-faceted, large-scale construction and remediation projects, there are countless things you have to organise and keep track of. Our job is to make your job easier at every stage. By partnering with Hamilton, as main contractor or sub-contractor, you can rest assured that the safety of your project is taken care of.

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#### CHAS accredited contractor

CHAS helps clients (buyers) and contractors (suppliers) ensure compliance across the different areas of risk management and mitigate risks across the supply

As one of the founders of Safety Schemes in Procurement (SSIP), CHAS is committed to setting health and safety benchmarks that drive industries forward and make the world of work a safer place.



#### **Constructionline Gold Member**

Constructionline Gold Member businesses meet the PAS 91 and Common Assessment Standard and pre-qualify across core modules required by Public and Private sector buyers.

They have also been awarded SSIP (Safety Schemes in Procurement) status.

# **First for Delivery**

Operating across the UK, we tailor our project delivery to suit our clients' needs, combining the benefits of local labour and management with national support and resources.

With a head office in Baildon, Hamilton operates across the length and breadth of the country.

For demanding and complex projects, Hamilton appoints one of our Company Directors as Project Director to act as the key contact for the duration of the contract and beyond. All projects are overseen and delivered by one of our experienced Contracts Managers and many projects also have a full time, highly qualified, experienced and dedicated Site Manager to drive project delivery.

All aspects of cladding works are delivered by our own highly skilled labour force. We have over 250 operatives located around the UK, so your project will more than likely be carried out by a local team, retaining regional economic benefits.

> "Hamilton operates across the length and breadth of the country."

In addition, we also have our own joiners, enabling teams, plumbers, electricians and general labourers to complement our delivery capabilities on core works. This enables us to take on a wider scope of works for you, reducing the number of sub-contract trades you need to manage to deliver your project successfully.

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Furthermore, we can bring in our own preapproved specialist sub-contractors such as scaffolders to provide a full turnkey package to you. You can focus on managing other project demands, knowing that our work, and that of our supply partners, comes with peace of mind built in.







6. Canon Green Court, Salford Installation of external wall insulation Main Contractor: Willmott Dixon



7. Watford, Hertfordshire EWI to two storey homes Main Contractor: Hamilton



8. Lytchet Way, Enfield EWI to 12 x mid-rise blocks of flats Main Contractor: Mulalley & Co.



9. Little Venice Towers, Westminster EWI to 6 x 22 storey tower blocks Main Contractor: Axis Europe



**10. Artesian House, Bermondsey** EWI, zinc and rainscreen cladding and balcony decking Main Contractor: Equans







**1.Cedar Court, Glasgow** EWI to 3 high-rise tower blocks Main Contractor: Keepmoat

2. Cruddas Park, Newcastle Installation of rainscreen cladding feature panels Main Contractor: Wates







4. Crosby Gardens, Liverpool EWI with brick slip finish Main Contractor: Lamorada Construction



5. Tanhouse, Skelmersdale EWI to 6 mid-rise blocks of flats Main Contractor: A. Connolly Ltd

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# **First for Simplicity**

We don't expect everyone to be experts in fire safety regulations and compliance documentation.

Just because we live and breathe technical data, doesn't mean we expect everyone to study it in as much depth as we do. Hamilton is here to offer straightforward solutions, information and advice to help you complete complicated projects without adding any complexity. We tick all the boxes for specification, so you can confidently put your cladding responsibilities in our hands. We pride ourselves on clear and helpful communication, in our literature, in our consultation meetings and on our sites.

Whether we work for you as main contractor or sub-contractor, you have access to all our knowledge and resources. We are happy to advise and consult as much or as little as is required by the client and project management team. Our Directors are leaders in compliant systems, government regulations, insurances, securing grant funding and more and can provide any correct and up-to-date industry information that may be required.

Hamilton can take on every aspect of cladding work, from initial inspection, specification and testing - to completed installation. Alternatively, we can carry out one or more of these stages for clients with a straightforward 'pick and mix' approach to suit you and the demands of your project. We are guided by Quality Assurance at all times to ensure that standards are met and expectations are exceeded.

### "Hamilton have always been a pleasure to work with on numerous projects that we have delivered.

Working on private sector projects, they have handled the entire resident journey from end to end, with clear and effective communication to all parties. They have been key to the successful delivery of funded projects within tight timescales and have constantly exceeded expectations. Working with a large number of stakeholders has not presented any problem for Hamilton, neither has complex funding arrangements and nothing has been too much trouble for them, even the weather! I cannot recommend them more highly."

> Michelle Horrocks – Unit Manager, Department of Place, Bolton Council



# **First for People**

The Hamilton name is only as strong as the staff that represent it and our trusted, experienced people are our most valuable asset. Always striving for perfection, our team's philosophy is that we are only as good as our last job.



**Robert Storton - Managing Director** After qualifying as a surveyor in the early 90s Robert set up Hamilton in 1996 with a view to creating a respected business alongside a team that shares his values and vision.

With over 30 years' experience in the design and delivery of residential and commercial refurbishments and new build construction projects, he brings a wealth of knowledge and professionalism to all projects.

He has created a results-driven culture with a positive approach to management, design and construction, with a clear focus on health and safety.



**Daniel Mackie - Director** Daniel was appointed to the Board of Directors at Hamilton in 2021 after working tirelessly to grow the national presence and turnover of the business, strengthening a solid base of clients and work in London and the South East.

Since joining the company in 2013 he has helped Hamilton to secure and deliver large scale funded projects across the UK, with strong ties to Local Authorities and Large Tier 1 contractors.

With decades of experience, he is responsible for securing, planning, designing and managing the delivery of large scale, multimillion pound projects all over the country.



**Kirsty Haley - Operations Director** (Commercial)

Kirsty joined Hamilton in 2008 and realised her passion for construction. Her wealth of knowledge and unwavering commitment to the business and its core values are pivotal to providing the best service to clients.

Involved in all operations of the business, her focus is ensuring the smooth running of the commercial and contracting side.

The team philosophy "we are only as good as our last job" is central to all that Kirsty does. She's one of the first to see a project come in and one of the last to sign off another job well done.



#### Kirsty Fleming - Operations Director (HR & Finance)

Kirsty joined Hamilton as Quality and HR Manager in 2012, bringing management experience from a manufacturing and sales career.

Since then, she has progressed to the position of Operations Director - HR & Finance and plays a vital role in the success of the business.

From accounts and training and development, to recruitment and quality management, Kirsty's thorough knowledge ensures the smooth running of the business.



**Barry Clark - Contracts Director** Having joined Hamilton in 2010 as Contracts Supervisor, Barry worked his way up to Contracts Director by embodying Hamilton's commitment to quality and attention to detail at all times.

With over 20 years' experience in refurbishment and new build construction projects Barry brings professionalism to all projects and keeps a keen eye on site operations and health and safety.

### "Hamilton's Directors are hands on with every project to ensure our commitment to excellence is consistently maintained."



#### Adrian Morley, Dave Wylde, and Pete McNulty - Contracts Managers

Our Contracts Managers have over 100 years of combined experience in the industry and are integral to maintaining Hamilton's reputation for excellence.

They are on hand, and on site, to make sure everything runs efficiently throughout the duration of your project.



## **Artesian House**

Full facade remediation

Hamilton acted as subcontractor for Equans on this challenging remediation project which involved complete removal and replacement of all external cladding and insulation on a highrise, mixed-use building.



With 73 mixed tenure flats above a busy ground floor health centre, Artesian House presented a number of challenges; eight storeys high and with a largely curved exterior, removing and replacing the cladding and insulation was no easy task. The building featured numerous different wall types, with timber cladding on the upper floors, a combination of external wall insulation, and zinc cladding on two elevations.

As always, a considerate and courteous approach was required and residents remained in occupation for the duration of the project.

The existing cladding was extensively tested and inspected - a combination of EPS insulation, phenolic insulation and timber - then stripped out and replaced with a new system of non-combustible and fully compliant materials. The finish fit the aesthetics of the building and met today's stringent fire safety requirements. "Working with Hamilton on this technically challenging and demanding project has been a pleasure. From the off, they have engaged fully and professionally with us, the client and consultant and had valuable input into the entire project. Their desire to hand over only the highest quality workmanship is clear to see in the end product."

Lewis Morrell, Equans Senior Site Manager

# St Vincent's Hub

### Sympathetic new build facade

Strict design and installation parameters guided this new facade project on a Grade 2 listed site in the very centre of Sheffield. Hamilton was selected by Bowmer & Kirkland to undertake the design, supply and installation of a clay brick-slip facade to two new build blocks, which were part of an overall re-development of St Vincent's Church in Sheffield City centre. The site itself was very challenging and the design required us to work closely with B&K's Design Manager and the system supplier to meet strict planning conditions, as the site was Grade 2 listed.

The project included: design, supply and installation of 4,000m<sup>2</sup> of insulated clay brick slips to SFS frame; 3 colours of 14mm clay brick slips used for the main facade; 20mm feature clay slips used to create the banding details; 200mm & 300mm insulation used to create reveal depths and stepped feature panels; design, supply and installation of PPC aluminium head flashings to meet design requirements; full time, dedicated Site Manager and Contracts Manager throughout the duration of the project to meet programme requirements. The lightweight build of both blocks, which house 720 student flats for Unite Students, was completed and handed over on time, ready for students to move into in September. The scheme has since gone on to win awards and Hamilton is now involved in several other major builds using this method of construction.





## **Benmore Estate**

**EWI removal and replacement** 

Hamilton's years of experience and commitment to client satisfaction was demonstrated in full when it came to removing and replacing EWI on four 13-storey high-rise blocks in the centre of Birmingham for Family Optima (part of the WM Housing Group). Not only did we carry out the work on this project to the promised high standard, we also secured £150,000 of ECO Funding towards the scheme.

The work included; removal and disposal of a failed Heavy Duty Expolath EWI System from all four tower-blocks while residents were still in occupation; structural engineers reports and associated repairs; building control management and applications; balcony curtain walling overhauls and repairs; window overhauls and repairs; design, supply and installation of a new EWI system to all blocks; design, supply and installation of window pods and flashings and sills; design, supply and installation of replacement parapet cappings to all blocks; and supply of 25-year SWIGA insurance-backed warranties for all blocks.

"We first met with the Hamilton Management Team in June 2016 when they attended a contractor interview to replace failed EWI render systems on four of our tower blocks near the centre of Birmingham. They impressed us straight away with their knowledge, passion and attention to detail and since the work started, they have been first class and come through on all their promises made pre-contract. They work hard to give the client the very best service and are honest and straight forward to deal with, we were right to appoint Hamilton to the contract and would not hesitate in working with them again in the future."

Mark Allen, Investment Programme Manager, Family and Optima (WM Housing)

## **Fitzwarren Court**

**External wall insulation** 

Hamilton worked as sub-contractor for The Casey Group on this transformational project in the heart of Salford. This 23-storey 1970s building had been earmarked for demolition, but plans were halted when Salix Homes secured funding for major improvements. Hamilton worked under The Casey Group to complete the exterior wall insulation and rendering, which had a metamorphic effect on the building's appearance.

The best method of access was mast climbers due to the speed of erection and the volume of external wall insulation and render to be installed at pace. The EWI system specified was mineral wool insulation with an acrylic brick slip finish to the ground floor and a silicone render finish above. Three different thicknesses of insulant were required to bring the ribbed concrete surface to the right level for the render to be applied. With over 25 years' experience, Hamilton was well placed to carry out this high-rise installation to a flawless finish.

The original, somewhat dated, colour scheme was replaced with modern grey and areas of striking green and orange chosen by residents. "For many years, residents at Fitzwarren Court have been in limbo about the future of their homes, so we're delighted that our ambitious improvement and modernisation scheme is now complete. Our significant investment has given the building a new lease of life, complementing the wider regeneration taking place in the Pendleton area, and ensuring this iconic building can stand proud on the Salford skyline for many years to come."

Sue Sutton, Chief Executive at Salix Homes

















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