

PRESS INFORMATION

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COOPERS ADDS A PERSONAL TOUCH TO FORTNUM & MASONS' NEW FIRE BARRIER INSTALLATION

Fortnum & Masons, one of the UK's leading department stores has recently completed the first phase of upgrading its fire containment systems with the help of Coopers Fire & Smoke Engineering.

The project, which is being carried out in association with The Corus Group, involves the manufacture and installation of 16 separate fire barriers which are protecting atria on 3 floors of the store; plus 2 smaller server fire barriers. The barriers have been uniquely 'personalised' with the Fortnum & Masons' logo, which was printed on the centre panel of each curtain prior to final assembly. Coopers now has the facility to transfer a corporate identity or message directly onto fire or smoke barrier material without affecting the integrity or the flexibility of the fabric. All that is required is a good quality original image or disk supplied by the customer, from which final artwork can be produced for the print process.

The new fire containment system is part of an extensive refurbishment programme being carried out at the London store. The project consists of both 2-sided and 3-sided barriers that will completely seal off the atria in the event of a fire - allowing valuable time for evacuation. The barriers are linked to the central alarm system and contain full Gravity Fail Safe that enables them to operate even in the event of a power failure or wiring damage.

The contract demanded precision planning and efficient installation by Coopers' engineers to minimise the time and revenue lost while work was in progress. In fact, much of the system wiring was completed 'out of hours' when the store was closed.

Personalised fire or smoke barriers are now another option that Coopers can offer to customers to further enhance what is already a market leading solution to fire and smoke containment within the retail industry.

