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Date: July 2007
Client: Holiday Inn - Chessington World of Adventures
Architect: Alison Pike Partnership
Main Contractor: Speymill Contracts
Project: Thatched Roof to Holiday Inn Entrance - Chessington World of Adventures.



In early 2007 the Lapa company was contacted by the Alison Pike Partnership with a view to discussing the creation of a thatched entrance canopy for a new Holiday Inn being constructed at Chessington World of Adventures. The new hotel is right at the entrance to the Theme and Safari park and as such the hotel was designed with an African Safari Theme in mind. The focal point of the Safari theme was the creation of a thatched main entrance for the hotel. The roof area to be covered was approximately 200sq m.



Initially the Lapa Company acted in a consultative role and was asked to recommend alternative methods of creating the desired effect. One key consideration in detailing options for the client was the fact that the thatched roof was to be laid on a Kingspan substructure and therefore did not need to be watertight in its own right. This meant that 4 alternative thatch coverings could be recommended.

After considering genuine thatch along with a number of thatch tiling systems, the client selected....

Endureed Synthetic Thatch

Endureed is the market leading synthetic thatching system and is made from a pvc type material that accurately mirrors the traditional African thatch on which it is based. The Endureed system includes eave and gable finishes which ensure the finished roof looks like it has been thatched in a traditional manner.



Endureed has a minimum life expectancy of 30 years (it's actually expected to be closer to 50 years) and comes with a class A fire retardant rating. It also has the benefit that once installed it does not need top up applications of fire retardant. On installation the thatch is a golden colour and fades to a light grey (to replicate real thatch) over time. The Endureed installation was completed in 2 weeks.

The project was completed on time and in budget during August 2007.

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