



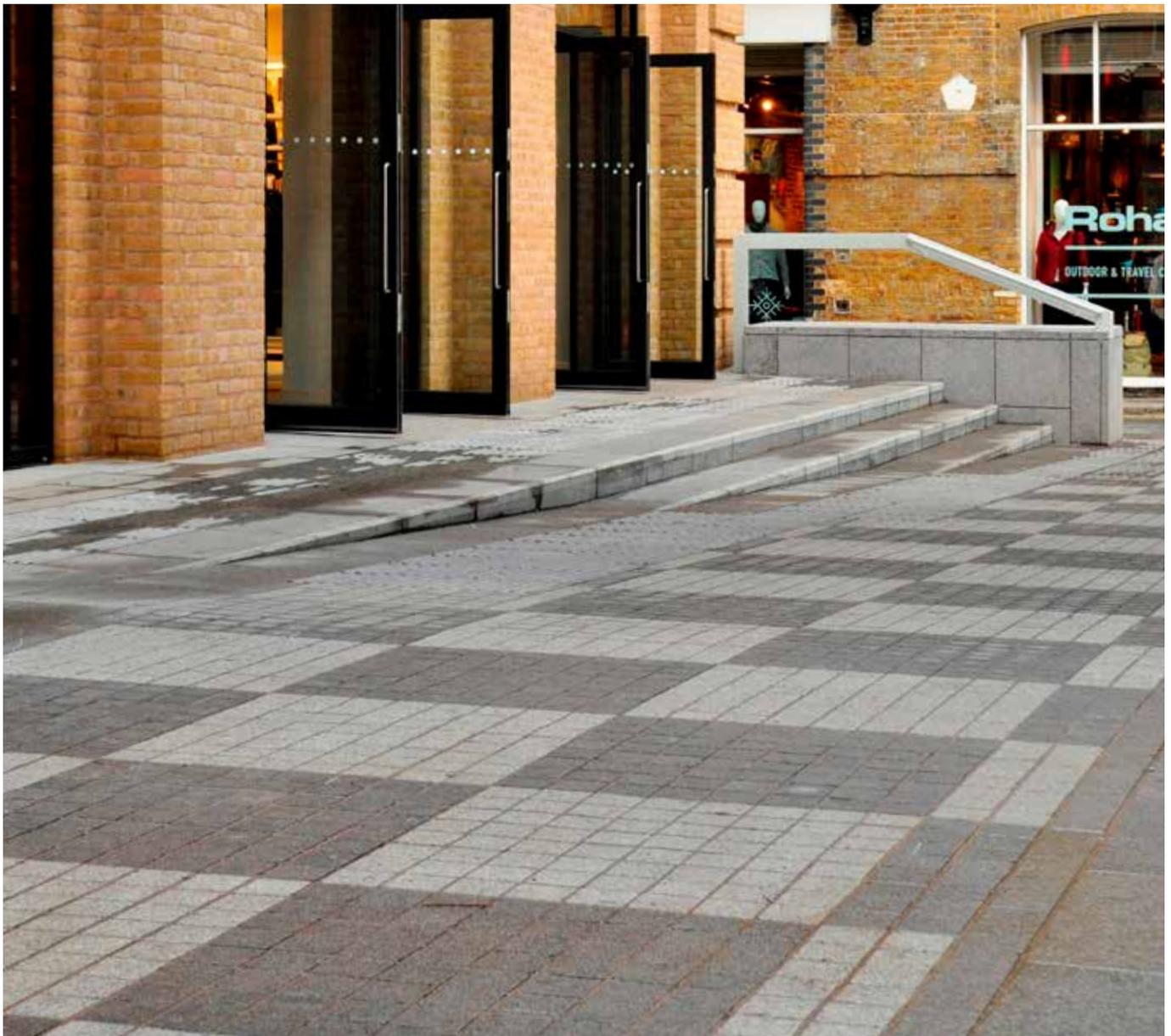
## Mercer's Yard

### Covent Garden

- Project Name: Mercer's Yard, Covent Garden
- Client: The Mercers Company
- Architect: Ian Ritchie Architects
- Main Contractor: Osbornes
- Stone Contractor: Maylim
- Stones Used: Belgium Blue Limestone with Frosted, Bush Hammered, Flamed and Croute finishes
- Completed: November 2016

“ We have specified Belgian Blue on previous projects because we enjoy the subtlety of its colours, natural variations (fossils) and the wide range of finishes available. The setts and slabs provided were of the highest quality in terms of dimensional accuracy and of consistency of finish. ”

**Jérôme Berteloot,**  
architect at Ian Ritchie Architects Ltd.





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Mercer's Yard is £22m mixed use scheme, in Covent Garden. Designed by Ian Ritchie Architects, the development provides restaurant and retail space at the ground and basement levels, with 24 residential apartments on the upper floors. The new public space creates a pedestrian link between Mercer Street and Langley Street, and improves permeability through to St Martin's Courtyard nearby. The main contract was won by Osborne's who awarded the stone paving package to Maylim.

With the building work taking place within Covent Garden's Conservation Area, both storage and deliveries were a concern from the beginning. To comply with the Conservation Area's vehicular restrictions, Maylim requested that the Belgian Blue limestone be delivered on 12 tonne rigid vehicles. To minimise

the effect of the transport costs, Trans-European Stone arranged for the stone to be despatched from the Pierre Bleue Belge's quarry on 24 tonne articulated vehicles and off-loaded at a temporary storage facility in Kent. Once in the UK, it was re-loaded onto the smaller vehicles and delivered to site within 48 hours to Maylim's Site Manager.

In total 13 24 tonne trucks delivered to the Kent storage facility and 29 12 tonne rigid vehicles made early morning deliveries to Maylim at the Covent Garden site. Despite the obvious logistical difficulties, the process worked remarkably well, and the site was constantly drip-fed with a few pallets at a time as and when they needed them.



“ Belgium Blue Limestone was a key element in the success of the public realm works at Mercers Yard, Covent Garden. We were very pleased with the quality of stone provided and the assistance throughout the project with provision of samples and advice. The resulting Piazza really contributes to the overall success of the scheme. ”

**Matthew Roberts, Osborne**