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Turner Contemporary, Margate UK

- Art Gallery
- Project Completed 2011
- **fermacell** Gypsum Fibreboards

The Project

The two storey Turner Contemporary Gallery, designed by the David Chipperfield Architects is built on the picturesque seafront of Margate in Kent. The gallery is positioned on a raised promenade taking full advantage of the spectacular sea views. The building has been designed to maximise the natural light cascading down from the roof and skylights. The unmistakable shape of the building, six identical crystalline volumes and mono-pitched roofs, provides a focal point to residents and visitors of the town.

The Project Requirement

Durable and robust material was required for the internal walls, some of them up to 14 meters high and 20 meters in length.

The quality of the finish needed to be of the highest standard and the architect needed a board with high load carrying strength, suitable for hanging heavy artwork and changing exhibitions.

The Solution

10mm and 15mm **fermacell** Gypsum Fibreboard was specified for all internal walls, combined with steel stud system to create solid and structural walls.

Pieri Interiors Contracts Manager Glen Sturgeon commented: “We found the boards to be very adaptable, providing excellent hanging strength and the acoustic properties another key consideration.

During the installation conditions were quite damp – for example – windows weren’t fitted, but the boards coped well with the moisture in the air.”

Thanks to fermacell’s robust nature, a 1.5 meter, feature balustrade was created, allowing visitors to lean on to it and look through the big glass gallery windows to the stunning sea view.



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