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## retail flair

The Westfield shopping centre in White City is the latest achievement in bold, design-led retail developments. Featuring striking chandeliers, natural stone floors and opulent salon-style space, the centre provides an unforgettable customer experience. With GRG interiors provided by Gillespie, the vast centre is finished to exceptionally high standards.

Representing a total investment of £1.6bn, this leisure and retail development is a partnership between London Underground and the developer Westfield. Known as Westfield London, the 1.6million sq ft project is bringing regeneration, jobs and a 21st century transport system to a previously disadvantaged area of the city.

Gillespie (UK) Limited of the Tvedt group of companies took a leading role in the provision of two major fit out packages. The first related to the Village couture zone, which hosts leading international designer names such as Louis Vuitton, Gucci, and Prada. In delivering the major part of the interiors package to this area, Gillespie manufactured and installed huge quantities of Zerodec, their patented GRG product.

With acknowledged expertise in producing accurate, flawless, sweeping curves on a grand scale, Gillespie created the cascading elliptical features which surround the four extravagant hanging chandeliers and which give the Village its elegant and luxurious ambience.

Gillespie also created the knife edge lighting troughs inside and outside the dramatic 10m high, frameless glazing panels that form the expansive designer shop fronts. These lighting troughs also incorporate rails on which retailers can hang and display their merchandise, and for which Gillespie had to undertake complex engineering designs and calculations in order to incorporate the necessary tolerances into the GRG structures.

Gillespie also produced the coordinating escalator cladding and the underside to the spiral staircase, along with bulkheads and column casings. All these features were precision finished on site to achieve the smooth contours and crisp edges essential to the visual success of the designs.

In a further package of work for the Winter Gardens, Gillespie supplied and installed large quantities of curved void-edge GRG panels that form the perimeter to the centrepiece circulation area. Designed to accommodate fashion shows and other retail events, and featuring a spectacular undulating glass roof, the Winter Gardens area is designed to maximise natural light. The sense of spacious openness is supported by the clean contemporary lines of the GRG interior features.

The Gillespie team gave 100% in meeting our deadlines, with experienced, diligent and expert input through all stages of the project. The quality of their workmanship speaks for itself - Westfield has set a new benchmark for retail centres.

**Westfield Spokesman**

