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Speed guaranteed

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The objective was to create, in the least time possible, a shopping center that represented a fusion of old and new, and that was to the liking of all its future visitors. In October of 2000, the new Eatons Center of Toronto was inaugurated as planned. Mission complete, thanks to Mapei installation systems and to its ten year guarantee. The project was the result of a joint venture between Queen Quay Architects International Inc. and Murphy Hilger Architects Inc. The scope was simply to create a shopping center where the new project was harmonically integrated with the existing one, explains Elton Matthews of Murphy Hilger. We needed to combine the new structures of the center with the northern and southern zones. The secondary objective, certainly more complicated for designers and installers, was that of solving the problems due to different thicknesses of the structural slabs. As a consequence, the study and the preparation of the most appropriate products for tile installation was essential: Mapei's line met all project requirements.

We spent months before deciding the best possible solution for this dilemma. The vacation period was closing in, so time could not be wasted in order to avoid staying behind on schedule, explained Matthews.

Starting from the preparation of the sub-layer, the use of Mapei products such as NOVO TOP*, EPO PRIMER*, MAPELASTIC SM* and MAPECEM* allowed to avoid delays in this extremely urgent project. Mapei ULTRA/FLEX* and GRANI/RAPID* systems were used for the installation of tiles for floors and coverings, while the final touch was given by KERAPOXY*, an epoxy grout resistant to stain, and ULTRA/COLOR*, a cement grout that assures an absolute uniformity of colour and avoids efflorescence. Since for project execution only Mapei installation products were utilized, the Company was able to offer a 10 year guarantee for each of the products used.

Glen Pestrin - owner of York, Marble, Tile and Terrazzo Inc., and director of works in this project - is convinced that the





Mapei products for the preparation of sub-layers and for the installation of floors were determining for staying on schedule. "We have obtained excellent results with Mapei systems. Furthermore, the technical assistance provided by the Company was extremely proficient, allowing us to overcome those initial difficulties often encountered; not only are the products better, but our project even received a ten year guarantee, which is certainly uncommon among other suppliers of installation products". 

TECHNICAL DATA

Eatons Center Shopping Center, Ontario (Canada)

Year of construction: 2000

Project: Queen Quay Architects International Inc. and Murphy Hilger Architects Inc.

Director of works: Glen Pestrin - York, Marble, Tile and Terrazzo Inc.

Tile contractor: York, Marble, Tile and Terrazzo Inc.

Material installed: Corella tiles

Mapei products: NOVO TOP, EPO PRIMER, MAPELASTIC SM, MAPECEM, ULTRA/FLEX, GRANI/RAPID, KERAPOXY and ULTRA/COLOR

Mapei distributor: York, Marble, Tile and Terrazzo Inc.

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