

# The magic CARPET



**T**he water is there, you just cannot see it. The magic lies in the "Magic Carpet's" folds, a fountain that looks just like a fancy carpet lying across marble steps. The water flows like a veil along the folds in this artistic creation designed for the English city of Hove in the heart of East Sussex.

The fountain is situated right in the middle of the front courtyard of the Chatsworth Court Estate. The project was designed and personally created by the architects Jane Fordham and David Parfitt in 2001, using Mapei products to actually construct it.

The "carpet" rests on four marble covered steps and is folded to create a soft-looking effect. It was actually constructed using Thermalite Blocks, onto which the steel frame structure was then placed. POROCOL was used at this stage in the work, a cementitious powdered adhesive mortar for expansive block masonry.

To complete the work, which initially measured 120x240x80 cm, a 5 mm Bisazza glass mosaic was laid using KERALASTIC, a two-component polyurethane adhesive for ceramic tiles and stone materials. The finished fountain covers an area of approximately 12 square metres.

