

Hilton restores historic frontage

In the last six months the façade at the Doubletree by Hilton on Bread Street has been restored in a six-figure project.

The A listed building is run as a hotel by RBH who spent £330,000 on the restoration project. The building is known for its large copper dome and the V-shaped block it is part of. It also has a fabulous rooftop suite with outdoor area used as the Sky Bar each month.

The sandstone was cleaned using non-chemical cleaning materials to remove moss, the timber windows were repaired and secondary glazing installed. The large curved polished ashlar lintels were replaced – and these weigh up to two tonnes.

Liam Shearsby, Project Manager at RBH who has led the works, said: “The historic façade of DoubleTree by Hilton Edinburgh City Centre is a recognisable site within the capital, and this investment has really brought it back to life.

“Given the significance of the building, we have been exceptionally careful and considerate with our approach to the restoration and refurbishment work, using skilled, expert tradespeople to ensure the end result stays true to the original façade. We’re delighted to see the results of the investment revealed.”

Marcello Ventisei, General Manager of DoubleTree by Hilton Edinburgh City Centre, said: “We’re lucky enough to be housed in an absolutely stunning historic building which stands proudly at the outskirts of the Old Town – and which never fails to impress our guests.

“The team undertaking the restoration work have been fantastic in keeping any disruption to our guests to an absolute minimum

– and we thank our visitors for their understanding throughout the works. We are proud to unveil the final results of such a significant investment and complex project.”