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# THOMSON'S COFFEE

HIMACS gives Thomson's Coffee HQ a rich and deep flavour, just like its coffee

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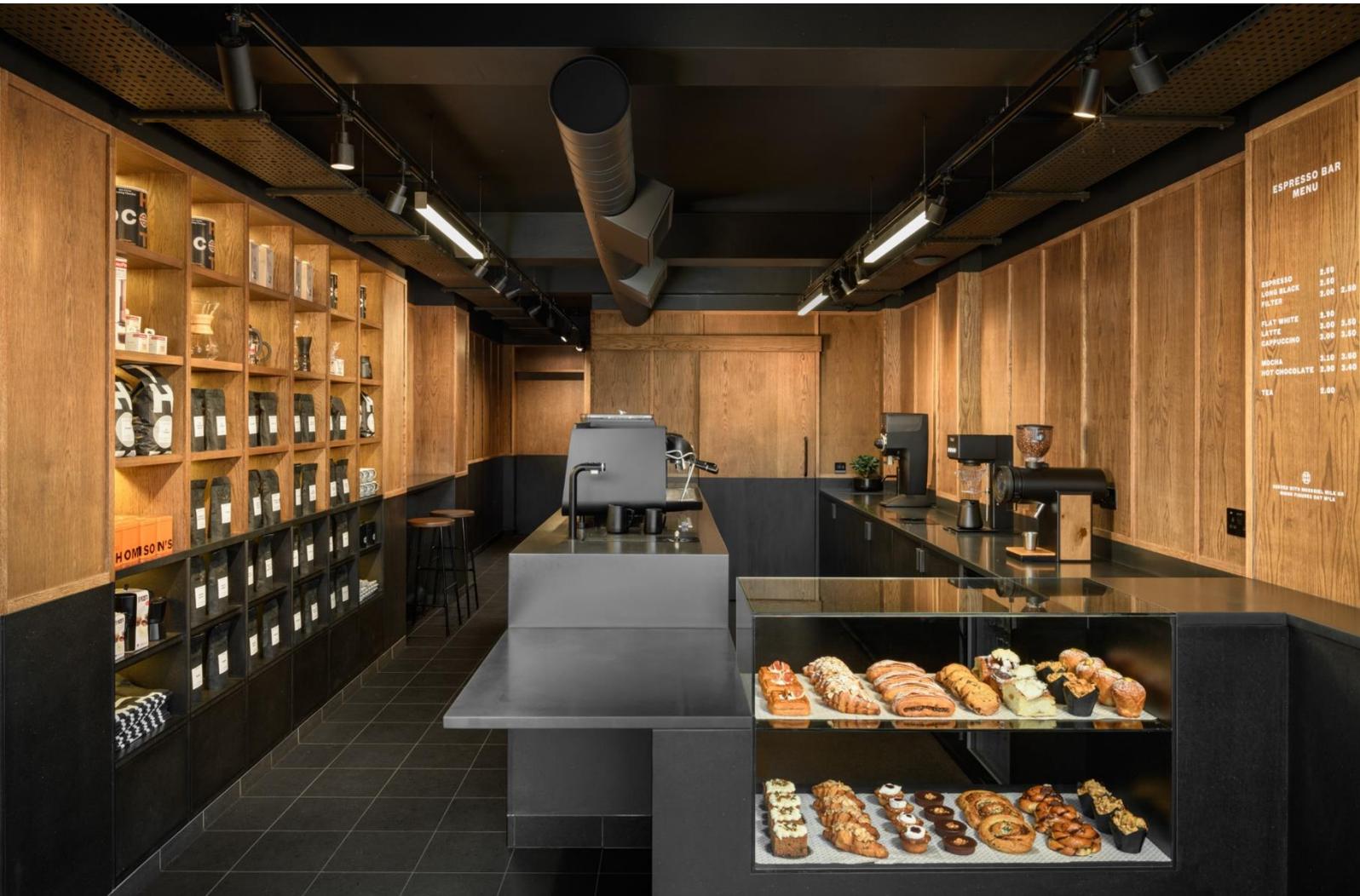
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**HIMACS in Intense Ultra Dark Grey gives Thomson's Coffee HQ a rich and deep flavour, just like its coffee**



## **HIMACS in Intense Ultra Dark Grey was selected for the Glasgow HQ**

A former bank with windowless rooms and narrow corridors, this site in a suburb of Glasgow has been transformed into an espresso bar and flexible workspace for [Thomson's Coffee](#) with practical and dramatic [HIMACS](#) elements throughout. Designed by [Technique Architecture & Design](#), a small yet creative team of architects and designers based in the city, this new headquarters for Scotland's oldest coffee roaster features HIMACS in [Intense Ultra Dark Grey](#) for the countertops and surfaces, the perfect material to complement the rich and intense flavour of the coffee itself.

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Thomson's Coffee was founded in Glasgow in 1841 and 182 years on, it's still independently owned and operated. Combining cutting-edge techniques and equipment with traditional values, the company asked Technique to design this new hub for the business, which is close to the Glasgow roastery and bakery. The result is the perfect blend of tradition and innovation with a mix of materials that includes HIMACS in Intense Ultra Dark Grey, smoked oak and a valchromat wood fibre panel. The finished effect is of a Victorian retail interior with decorative panels that are given a contemporary edge thanks to the considered use of HIMACS throughout. The contrast of the rich ultra grey surfaces with the natural beauty of wood creates a warm and inviting space for catching up over coffee or flexible working with a coffee and a bite to eat.

The brief for Technique architects also included a tasting room and office space, which features **HIMACS in Intense Ultra Dark Grey** for the countertops, showcased to great effect thanks to the natural light flooding in through the skylight and the rich grain of the dark wooden panels and flooring. This area is designed for social events, training and tasting sessions and is the perfect complement to the more intimate feel of the espresso bar. With the HIMACS fabricated by [Silo Design & Build](#) and structural engineering by [Design Engineering Workshop](#), the project is a perfect example of how HIMACS can enhance any retail space or company headquarters, creating both classic and contemporary interiors with all the practicality, cleanliness, hygiene and easy cleaning that such spaces demand.



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HIMACS Intense Ultra combines Intense Colour Technology with Ultra-Thermoforming. Dark colours are more intense and more resistant with fewer visible scratches, perfect for retail spaces and flexible working hubs. The formulation of Intense Ultra allows for colour consistency during and after fabrication as well as allowing for a very small internal radius, up to 6mm, with almost no whitening effect.

With its innate flexibility and special characteristics, HIMACS is the perfect choice for business premises, offices and headquarters. HIMACS is hardwearing, durable and fire resistant as well as exceptionally hygienic and resistant to wear and tear, scratches, stains and UV light. Its non-porous surface makes it extremely quick and easy to clean while its thermoformable properties also allow it to be moulded into any shape and size. The absence of visible seams also ensures a seamless finish that prevents dirt, bacteria and viruses building up on the surface. This makes HIMACS a Solid Surface material with unbeatable hygienic and clean air properties, guaranteed by certifications that comply with **LGA, NSF international standard and Greenguard.**

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT DESIGN

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**Project name:** Thomson's Coffee HQ

**Location:** Glasgow, Scotland

**Designer:** Technique Architecture & Design [www.technicstudio.com](http://www.technicstudio.com)

**Fabricator:** Silo Design & Build

**Structural engineering:** Design Engineering Workshop

**Material:** HIMACS in Intense Ultra Dark Grey [www.lxhausys.com/en](http://www.lxhausys.com/en)

**HIMACS Supplier:** James Latham

**Photos:** ZAC+ZAC

**HIMACS elements:** Countertops and surfaces

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## About HIMACS Solid Surface

[www.lxhausys.com/eu/himacs](http://www.lxhausys.com/eu/himacs)

HIMACS is a solid surface material that can be moulded into any shape. It is widely used for architectural and interior applications, such as sculptural and high-performance wall cladding or kitchen, bathroom and furniture surfaces, in commercial, residential and public space projects. It is composed of minerals, acrylic and natural pigments that come together to provide a smooth, non-porous and visually seamless surface which meets the highest standards for quality, aesthetics, fabrication, functionality and hygiene – offering many advantages over conventional materials.

HIMACS provides limitless possibilities for surfacing solutions and inspires creative minds from all over the world. **Zaha Hadid, Jean Nouvel, Rafael Moneo, Karim Rashid, Marcel Wanders** and **David Chipperfield**, among others, have completed fabulous projects using HIMACS.

At the forefront of innovation as always, LX Hausys recently introduced two new products. First, **HIMACS Ultra-Thermoforming**, an innovative formula that pushes the boundaries of solid surface shaping to a whole new level, with 30% more thermoplastic capabilities - the biggest innovation in the history of Solid Surface since its inception in 1967. And now, **HIMACS Intense Ultra** combines the characteristics from two disparate worlds: **Intense Colour Technology** and **Ultra-Thermoforming**.

HIMACS uses a simple heating process to give three-dimensional thermoplastic forming capabilities, allows visually seamless designs, offers a virtually limitless range of colours and – for some shades – exhibits a special translucency when exposed to light. Although HIMACS is almost as robust as stone, it can be worked in a similar way as wood: it can be sawn, routed, drilled or sanded.

HIMACS is made using a next-generation technology, the **thermal cure**. The temperature reached during the manufacturing process sets HIMACS apart from other solid surfaces and creates a denser surface that is even sturdier, more homogeneous and more durable, and with better resistance and superior thermoforming results.

HIMACS does not absorb humidity, is highly resistant to stains and is easy to clean, maintain and repair.

Countless internationally recognized certificates attest to the quality of HIMACS in terms of ecological commitment, hygiene and fire resistance – being the first Solid Surface in the market to receive the official **European Technical Approval (ETA) for façades** – for the Alpine White S728 colour.

HIMACS offers a 15-year warranty for products fabricated by a Quality Club Member.



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