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Hattersley hooks up the cube



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HVAC Compact Hook-Up units from Hattersley are being installed in Birmingham's new 'show piece' building, The Cube, which is under construction in the city centre.

Described as a 'city within a city', the £100 million 23-storey building (www.thecubeiscoming.com) is the final phase in Birmingham's Mailbox development. It will house apartments, offices, shops, a hotel, restaurants and car parking.

Throughout The Cube, Compact Hook-Up flow management modules, part of the Hattersley FlowMaster range, will be used to connect HVAC terminal units such as fan coils and chilled beams.

The units provide flow control, flow measurement, system and coil flushing and isolation capabilities from a single compact and lightweight unit. Built from bronze and DZR brass they can be used for chilled and heating water systems from -10 oC to 120oC.

For contractor Robert Prettie and Co (www.robert-prettie.co.uk), which won the £16 million HVAC and mechanical engineering contract, the fact that the Hattersley Compact Hook-Up has only four onsite connections and is delivered assembled and tested, offers significant reductions in cost compared with alternatives.

Ian Conway of Robert Prettie said: "We have used Hattersley products on many contracts over the years and found both the company and the products to be totally reliable."

As well as the Hook-Ups, The Cube's HVAC systems will use a range of other Hattersley valves for heating, chilled water, domestic hot and cold water and gas supply systems.

Work on construction of this iconic building is more than half complete with gold anodised cladding now being fitted to the concrete frame. When it is finished in 2010, The Cube will dominate the city's skyline.

Details of HVAC Compact Hook-Up units and other products from Hattersley are at www.hattersley.com