



GILLESPIE

case study

**Whitewater
Shopping Centre**

**architect
Benoy**

**main contractor
John Sisk & Son**



retail heaven

The latest project in a long-standing relationship with retail architecture specialists Benoy, The Whitewater Shopping Centre – Ireland's largest regional shopping centre - demonstrates the design possibilities of Gillespie's Zerodec laminated GRG product which was used to render the curved profiles that make up the striking contemporary forms in the mall interior

As Ireland's largest regional multi-purpose shopping centre, The Whitewater Centre offers shoppers living in the heartland of the Republic access to top names including H&M, Coast and Zara right on their doorstep. The Centre, located in Newbridge, Co. Kildare, has proved a strong attraction, receiving 200,000 visitors in the first week alone.

Designed by retail architecture specialists Benoy and built by John Sisk & Son, the project continues the long-standing retail fit-out relationship developed between Benoy and Gillespie. Benoy's mall design concept gives a light and airy feel to the interior of the Whitewater Centre to create a thoroughly modern and stylish shopping experience.



Gillespie's Zerodec product performed well in producing smooth curves and transitions between the sections of lighting raft, bulkheads and pilasters.

**Michelle King,
Benoy**



Gillespie's highly flexible Zerodec laminated GRG facilitated the production of the striking contemporary forms that make up the interior design, with the medium allowing prefabrication of the ceiling and atria mouldings off-site to sculpt the natural and artificial light features. The curved and elliptical profile sections were modelled in CAD and moulded at the company's factory in Surrey before being transported to site for the final precision fitting and finishing stages.

The design objective was to create a generously proportioned and sophisticated shopping environment behind a lively façade of urban residential and commercial units at street level.

Whitewater has set new standards in retailing, providing a shopping environment that compares with the very best available in Ireland.

**Stephen Cleaver,
Centre Manager**

