

The Sheriff's Court House, Edinburgh

The Sheriff's Court House development in Edinburgh, which was judged the best of its kind in Scotland by the Federation of Plastering and Drywall Contractors, was one of the most ambitious contracts ever undertaken by a plastering company.

Aagaard Hanley made extensive use of the latest reinforcing techniques to produce large ceiling cornices measuring more than one metre in projection and 168 domed coffers - amongst the largest components ever cast in gypsum. A translucent plastic, malkron, was imaginatively incorporated into some castings to allow natural light to pass through, and the company also designed lighting schemes to compliment the work.

The concept was described as "ingenious" by the award judges, who said the company's craftsmanship was "precise and faultless".