

# ABM UK Retains Historic Portfolio with Two Scotland Wins

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Ahead of the 2019 Edinburgh Festival Fringe and following two competitive tenders, ABM UK is delighted to have retained cleaning contracts with two high-profile Edinburgh customers: National Galleries of Scotland and the City of Edinburgh Council's cultural performance, conferencing and events venues. Together, these wins comprise a total of eight historic locations across the city.



The sites hold significant historic and cultural

value and the retention of both contracts is testament to ABM's experience and understanding of cultural, museum and event environments. National Galleries of Scotland houses a wide range of western art from the middle ages to the present day and the City of Edinburgh Council's Category A-listed Usher Hall is Scotland's only five-star concert hall.

The two portfolios include the Scottish National Gallery, the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art as well as the City of Edinburgh Council's Usher Hall, Church Hill Theatre, Ross Band Stand and Assembly Rooms Edinburgh.

To support the galleries' and venues' busy schedules, the contract requires ABM teams to adopt a flexible approach. Owing to the ever-changing nature of events, performances and exhibitions, the cleaning teams will work closely with each customer to ensure all work is completed on time, and to the highest of standards. Deep cleaning and special cleans will also be delivered in secure areas, for example where precious artwork is stored.

At National Galleries of Scotland, team members are provided with Air Cargo training, due to the gallery's requirements for shipping valuable artwork in and out globally. Sustainability is high on the agenda, with cleaning products and techniques sympathetic to the age and composition of the buildings.

**Jenna Pollock, ABM UK's divisional director for Scotland,** commented: "Not only are we proud of our retention rate, but we are especially pleased to continue to work at such historic buildings with national significance. Our teams have extensive briefings so they have a clear understanding of the importance of the guest experience, collections and the buildings themselves."

A facilities management specialist in cleaning, security, mechanical & electrical maintenance, critical and guest services, ABM's clients include: the London Transport Museum; the Museum of London; British Land; Hammerson; Savills; and Glasgow, Aberdeen and Southampton Airports.

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