

Rotterdam's biggest pride and joy repeatedly chooses Bolidt systems



Big. Bigger. Biggest. Rotterdam took some sweet revenge after the bombardments of the second World War, which at the time left some great holes and damage. The Grand Trade Building, right next to Rotterdam Central [Station](#), arose since 1947 as the city's pride and joy and the significance of the building has continuously grown since its opening in 1953. With impressive architectural constructions on the outside and vibrant vitality on the inside it has become an indispensable multifunctional [business](#) centre. "Whoever owns entrepreneurship, can join us", is the motto for many years already. You bet Holland is joining them! The activities are very diverse, from retail, catering industry and trade to education, financial institutions and services. These days the building is still an icon of the post-war reconstruction and a metaphor of the decisiveness of Rotterdam. The appointment of municipal monument in 1991 was only a matter of formality of what many inhabitants of Rotterdam always knew deep down in their hearts.

Bolidt may call itself an old friend of this beautiful, striking building. In 2005 a joyful happening took place: the first renovation for which, according to the requirements of National Trust, the building was in desperate need. Figures, after fifty years! Both the interior and exterior were taken care of. Sounds simple, but the original architecture had to be honored and the authentic atmosphere of the complex had to be combined with modern comfort. For this renovation, architect J. van der Stigt assigned Bolidt to take care of the new flooring, which completely complied with the intended interior and authentic atmosphere. In addition despite glue leftovers, old tiled floors and bumps, the flooring systems could be installed without problems thanks to the expertise and experience of Bolidt. Restoring the building to its original state and the added modern facilities were celebrated with an official reopening. Because of the remarkably good results, the management organization didn't hesitate a second to choose for the [quality](#) of Bolidt again when it decided to renovate the [parking garage](#) of the Grand Trade Building in 2008. Accessibility and parking facilities are important factors when it comes to choosing a place for business, so that must be properly arranged as well. The intensively used entrances are equipped with the strong Bolidtop® 700 which can bear high levels of stress and the surrounding parts have been applied with Bolicoat® 50 PF, the special 'parking finish'. An excellent choice that gave the garage a radical facelift and it extended to 172 regular – and 82 mechanical parking places.

Just like 50 years ago the Grand Trade Building is yet again ready for a bright future!

