

Case Study
Mollie's



SECTOR:

Hospitality

LOCATIONS:

1st Soho House
outside of London

PROJECT VALUE:

£750,000

PLANNED OPENING:

December 2025



SUMMARY

Mollie's Manchester represents the transformation of the iconic Old Granada Studios on Quay Street into a vibrant, design-led city-centre hotel and social destination.

The development marks Mollie's first city-centre location and largest project to date, combining hospitality, leisure and entertainment within a landmark heritage building.

Spanning approximately 100,000 sq ft, the scheme delivers 128 guest rooms and suites across five floors, alongside a diner, lounge bar, live-music venue, nightclub, co-working and meeting spaces, gym, pool and shared social areas. The project demanded high-performance building systems capable of supporting a 24/7 hospitality environment while respecting the constraints of a historic structure.



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24-7 SFD **Appointment &** **Scope of Works**

24-7 SFD was appointed to deliver a fully integrated fire, security and structured data infrastructure package to support the safe, secure and seamless operation of this complex mixed-use venue.

The scope required careful coordination across guest accommodation, public areas, entertainment spaces and back-of-house facilities, ensuring compliance, resilience and future scalability.



Key Systems *Delivered*



CCTV & SURVEILLANCE

- Circa 280 IP CCTV cameras
- Fully networked IDIS IP CCTV system
- Comprehensive internal and external coverage across public, guest and operational areas



ACCESS CONTROL & DIGITAL GUEST ENTRY

- Circa 130 wireless SALTO door access handles and locks to guest bedrooms
- 90 SALTO read-in / read-out controlled doors
- Networked access control integrated with fobs and the Mollie's app to support a seamless digital guest journey



FIRE DETECTION & LIFE SAFETY

Fully networked fire alarm system comprising:

- 6 fire alarm panels
- Circa 300 detection points

Advanced touchscreen fire panel installed at front-of-house for improved operational visibility and control



DISABLED REFUGE & ALARM SYSTEMS

- Fully networked disabled refuge system
- Integrated with toilet alarms and disabled bedroom alarms to support inclusive, compliant design



STRUCTURED CABLING & DATA INFRASTRUCTURE

- 1,186 data points installed across the site

4 dedicated communications rooms, housing:

- Data and network infrastructure
- CCTV and access control systems
- AV and security equipment



INTRUDER & INTERCOM SYSTEMS

- Integrated intruder alarm and intercom systems providing layered security and controlled communication throughout the building

Project Overview



PROJECT CHALLENGES

- **Heritage building constraints – integrating modern, high-spec systems sensitively within a landmark structure**
- **Mixed-use environment – hotel rooms, public dining, bar, live-music venue, leisure facilities and workspaces all requiring different zoning, security and life-safety considerations**
- **High guest experience expectations – balancing discreet technology with robust performance and compliance**
- **Programme pressure – fixed public opening date requiring close coordination with multiple trades and stakeholders**



OUR APPROACH

24-7 SFD adopted a collaborative, coordinated delivery approach, working closely with the client team, designers and wider construction partners to ensure systems were seamlessly integrated and aligned with the building's operational needs.

Our multi-discipline capability enabled:

- **Parallel delivery of fire, security and data systems**
- **Reduced interface risk between contractors**
- **Efficient commissioning and testing**
- **A scalable infrastructure capable of supporting future technology upgrades**



OUTCOMES & BENEFITS

- **A future-ready, smart and secure hospitality environment**
- **App-enabled access control supporting a modern, digital guest experience**
- **Robust life-safety systems aligned with complex occupancy and regulatory requirements**
- **Scalable IP infrastructure capable of supporting expansion and evolving operational needs**
- **A single, integrated systems partner reducing long-term maintenance and operational risk**

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Why This Project Matters

Mollie's Manchester is a flagship reference project for 24-7 SFD, demonstrating our ability to deliver large-scale, integrated technology solutions within demanding hospitality and entertainment environments.

The project reinforces our credentials in:

- High-end hospitality and leisure
- Heritage building conversions
- Complex, mixed-use developments
- Fully networked fire, security and data systems

It also strengthens our portfolio for future hotel, leisure and mixed-use opportunities where reliability, guest experience and compliance are critical.

SERVICES DELIVERED BY 24-7 SFD

- Fire detection & life safety
- CCTV & surveillance
- Access control
- Intruder & intercom systems
- Disabled refuge & alarms
- Structured cabling & data infrastructure



Additional Works Secured After Completion



RE-PROGRAMMING FIRE STRATEGY FOR MOLLIE'S

We are returning to site to transition the recently installed fire alarm system from a Single-Knock to a Double-Knock strategy.



THE SCOPE OF WORK INCLUDES:

- **Logic Update:** Moving from “One Out, All Out” to a verified-based triggering system.
- **Verification:** Ensuring the system requires a secondary signal before initiating a full site evacuation.
- **Testing:** Full re-commissioning of the new logic to ensure compliance with the updated fire strategy.



SUMMARY OF WORKS

Transitioning the Fire Alarm Control Panel (FACP) logic from a non-delayed, single-event trigger (Single-Knock) to a multi-stage coincidence trigger (Double-Knock).

This change ensures that the “One Out, All Out” evacuation protocol is only initiated once a fire event is confirmed by a second device, reducing site downtime from localized sensor triggers.



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