



## **Press release**

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### **Composite awarded contract for major South Wales hospital car park**

Specialist contractor Composite is constructing a precast concrete, two-storey car park for staff working at the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend. The car park is part of new hospital facilities being delivered by BAM Construction for the ABM University NHS Trust, the largest in Wales. Work is scheduled to end in mid-July.

The total suspended area over two levels will be 10,410m<sup>2</sup>. Composite's scope of works for this contract, which it won in competition, includes a propped frame with external ramps, floors, screeds, asphalt waterproofing and the complete construction of three staircores.

Composite is also providing the galvanised handrailing, which will be fixed to the top of the 450mm-high precast concrete spandrel panels to create the statutory 1100mm-high perimeter upstand. The spandrels act as an integral crash barrier within the frame, thereby negating the need for any secondary system.

Before making its decision to select Composite, BAM visited Gloucester Docks to assess the appearance and quality of a precast concrete multi-storey car park built by Composite in 2005.

The hospital car park, which staff will reach by a new access road, is the first part of a £23 million development at this major hospital. When complete it will free up the existing surface car parks for use by patients and visitors.

Roy Nield-Dumper, Managing Director, Composite said: "It is always gratifying to be awarded a contract in the face of competition, especially when a client has been impressed by one of our previous projects. Bridgend Hospital car park, and another we shall be building at Morriston Hospital, Swansea, later in the year, again with BAM as the main contractor, are two of several major contracts that have enabled us to begin 2009 with a full order book, and a continuing need to recruit specialist staff."

Tim Chell, Construction Director, BAM Construction, said: "The quality of our supply chain is a key factor for BAM, which selects its partners rigorously. We're very pleased to have Composite working alongside us here, and at the recently awarded Morrision Hospital project, both of which will help transform the facilities for Welsh healthcare".

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**Photo caption**

Architect's visual of Composite's new car park for staff at Bridgend Hospital.

**Notes to Editors**

Composite is a specialist contractor working throughout mainland UK, delivering unique building solutions for customers in the commercial, retail, transport, education, health, residential, car parking and prison sectors. It provides a comprehensive service from initial advice and feasibility through to completion.

All projects encompass the benefits of off-site manufacturing, in particular precast concrete, and the expertise gained from designing, constructing and managing projects in-house for over 25 years. It encourages and rewards both sound performance and innovation in its approach to design development, construction and health & safety.

The company was established in Eastleigh, Hampshire, in 1983. In 2008 it opened a regional office in Nottingham.

For more detailed information on Composite, please visit [www.compositeltd.co.uk](http://www.compositeltd.co.uk)

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