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Reaching a record milestone, Gateway Pods will manufacture their 30,000th bathroom pod in May 2011 for the world renowned hotel group, Hilton. Directors from Hilton will attend a special 'champagne celebration' day at the Gateway Pods Yorkshire based factory to see the final stages of manufacture being completed and the bathroom pod signed off.

The signature bathroom pod will be installed into the new Hampton by Hilton, Birmingham hotel, which will be the largest Hilton hotel outside of the United States. The new 258 bed hotel is a refurbishment of an existing hotel on Birmingham's popular Broad Street. Set to open in the summer of 2012, the new Hampton by Hilton hotel is the fifth consecutive project of Hilton hotels for Gateway Pods, a partnership that is set to continue.

With off site manufacture of bathroom pods dating back to 1998, Gateway Pods is today's UK market leader. Pods are manufactured in factory controlled conditions using a steel frame system. All bathrooms are 100% completed in the factory including tiling, decoration and fitting of sanitary ware, ready for delivery to site and immediate connection to services.

Manufacturing primarily for hotels, apartments and offices throughout the UK 2010 has seen the Company design, prototype and manufacture the new generation pods for Holiday Inn and Holiday Inn Express, which won the Hotel Design of the Year Award at the 2010 European Hotel Awards.

Gateway Pods is also currently manufacturing the luxury bathroom pods for the well publicised The Heron in the heart of the City of London. Hailed by *The Independent* newspaper as a 'stunning new development that will transform the City's skyline' and described as 'unashamedly ritzy' by *The Daily Express*, the new The Heron residential apartment tower is the most significant residential development in The City of London's Square Mile in forty years. In an unrivalled location with exceptional views, the 248 collection of City apartments are due for completion in 2013.



Notes for Editors:

- Publication imagery is available upon request
 - Gateway Pods is currently the largest UK steel-frame bathroom pod manufacturer in the UK.
 - Since it was founded in 1998, Gateway Pods has developed to be the largest UK supplier of steel-frame bathroom pods to the Hotel industry, with long standing partnerships with IHG (Holiday Inn) and Hilton Worldwide
 - Delivered and installed as 100% complete bathrooms leads to a vastly reduced programme and therefore a higher return on investment. Less trades are present on site which improves health and safety standards, increases the level of quality and leads to less waste removal, reducing the carbon footprint of a project.
 - Division of Britspace, with a combined 40year manufacturing experience
 - In 2010, Gateway Pods became the first and only UK bathroom pods manufacturer to be accredited to the Buildoffsite Lloyds Registry scheme
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