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## Olympia's National Hall receives £2m upgrade



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Delivered by Standard Patent Glazing Company, the revitalised hall now benefits from improved natural light, upgraded safety and performance features, and a refreshed interior. The comprehensive replacement scheme comes ahead of Olympia's £1.3 billion regeneration project, ensuring its heritage halls remain a first-choice venue for world-class events and exhibitions as the site transforms into London's newest entertainment destination. The works also form part of a broader restoration and upgrade project being led by the Olympia Events team, which will see new investments in the venue's F&B offering, technology, and infrastructure ahead of the destination launch.

Andy O'Sullivan, CEO at Olympia Events, said:

*"Events and exhibitions remain at the heart of what we do, and that's not going away. As we prepare to launch the wider destination, we're committed to investing in and upgrading our historic event spaces to meet modern expectations while maintaining the highest industry standards. The National Hall restoration is just one example of our dedication to preserving our heritage and supporting the exhibitions and events industry with world-class facilities."*

The project delivered 1,460m<sup>2</sup> of new glazing in The National Hall, including the replacement of 696 roof glass panes with specialist laminated bombload glazing, completed while the venue remained fully operational with live events. The works presented significant heritage, logistical and access challenges, with The Standard Patent Glazing Company providing a solution that preserved the building's historic character while meeting modern safety, durability and performance standards.

Sustainability has also been a key consideration within the project. In line with Olympia's long-term sustainability strategy, The Grand Plan, the removed panes have been collected and recycled by the venue's waste management partners, Halsehurt, helping to divert materials from landfill.

Gillian Kiamil, Venue Director at Olympia Events, said:

*"These upgrades will have a direct benefit to all our event organisers, providing a brighter, safer, and enhanced venue to deliver exceptional events. Thanks to the expertise of the Standard Patent Glazing Company, we're future-proofing our venue while preserving the character of an iconic roof that has remained largely untouched since the 1920s. We're excited to welcome them into this revitalised space and continuing the journey with them as Olympia evolves into a world-class destination."*

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## Notes to editors

### **About Olympia**

Olympia is one of London's most ambitious regeneration projects. Opening in a phased way, starting with Wetherby Pembrige this September, the £1.3 billion transformation will turn Olympia into a showcase for the remarkable and the extraordinary.

The transformed destination will include a new 4,000-capacity live music hall managed by AEG Presents; London's largest purpose-built theatre in almost 50

years, managed by Trafalgar Entertainment; two hotels operated by citizenM Hotels and Hyatt Regency; 30+ restaurants, bars and eateries; Wetherby Pembridge, a new co-educational senior school; a boutique gym, 550,000 sq ft of offices boasting some of the largest terraces in London, as well as new public spaces for visitors to enjoy.

Olympia is being developed by Yoo Capital and Deutsche Finance International, and co-designed by Heatherwick Studio and SPPARC.

### **About Olympia Events**

Olympia Events manages the historic venues at Olympia, a cultural and architectural landmark that has hosted extraordinary and remarkable events since 1886. From breathtaking consumer shows and thrilling sporting and music events, Olympia Events continues to bring world-class events to London, with its distinctive architecture and almost 140-year heritage attracting some of the best and boldest events in the UK.

In 2022, Olympia's events business joined Legends/ASM Global – Europe's extensive portfolio of 400+ managed venues, ahead of the wider estate's redevelopment. As this next chapter unfolds, Olympia's iconic event spaces will remain at the heart of the £1.3bn transformation, seamlessly integrating into London's newest cultural destination and global stage for innovation, entertainment, and creativity.

### **About The Standard Patent Glazing Company**

Founded in 1902, The Standard Patent Glazing Company is the UK's longest-established, largest, and most successful specialist in patent glazing systems. With more than a century of experience, The Standard Patent Glazing Company has installed millions of square meters of patent glazing, rooflights, and skylights on some of the UK's most iconic and complex buildings-including major transport hubs, heritage restorations, retail spaces, and large-scale commercial developments.

Their work spans both traditional and contemporary systems, from original Victorian-style lead-covered glazing bars to advanced thermally broken aluminum solutions. The company is fully accredited to ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 45001, and holds affiliations with CHAS, RISQS, GGF, and Constructionline.

## About Legends/ASM Global – Europe

World-leading venue management companies, ASM Global and Legends, combined in 2024 creating the world's preeminent live events company dedicated to providing outstanding event experiences globally. Focused on delivering exceptional fan and guest experiences in the sports, entertainment, attractions, conventions, and leisure industries, Legends/ASM Global – Europe provide data-driven, customisable solutions across all areas of venue operations and revenue generation.

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