Gin Distillery, Basingstroke, UK

Architects: Thomas Heatherwick, London Structural Engineering: ARUP (glass house), London

On the site of a historic corn mill, the Bombay Sapphire gin distillery unites the company headquarters and production facilities. The focal point of the redevelopment is two botanical glasshouses, one tropical and the other Mediterranean. Heated with the waste thermal energy from the distillation process, they house and cultivate ten important plant species used in the gin-making process. The precisionengineered structures are constructed from 893 individually crafted pieces involving more than a kilometre of bronze-coloured stainless steel framing.



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Details

Environment:
Grade and finish:
Date of completion:

Rural Bronze-coloured 2014